



Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Conservation/Natural Resource Master Plan Galveston, County Texas



Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services

January, 2012



Table 4 - Proposed Park Improvements For Galveston County

Location	Outdoor Recreation - Proposed Activity and Ranking																				Indoor & Special Use Facilities	Comments						
	N/R	N/R	N/R	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			13	14	15	19		
	Picnicking	Playgrounds	Restrooms	Walking / Jogging	Saltwater Fishing	Bicycle Riding	Festivals	Dog Park	Hiking	Fresh Water Fishing	Canoing / Kayaking	Camping and /or RV Camping	Horseback Riding	Bird Watching	Little League Baseball	Nature Study	Basketball	Soccer / Football	Disc Golf	Tennis	Sand Volleyball	Skate Boarding	Softball	Roller Blading				
1998 +2003 Facilities																												
New Regional Park - Bacliff/San Leon	o	o	o	o											o			o	o							Community Center	Land Acquisition	
Jack Brooks	o		o	o		o		o		o				o		o		o	o									
Carbide	o			o													o	o								Cover BB Court		
Noble Carl	o	o		o																								
Gregory	o	o	o	o											o											Acquire Adjacent Site		
Walter Hall	o		o				o							o												Amphitheater		
Holbrook - Ph. 2	o	o	o	o										o		o								o				
Hopkins														o		o										Replace Decking at Observation Station		
Lobit	o	o	o	o										o	o	o											Create Wetlands with Republic Waste	
Runge	o			o									o														Lighting	
Ft. Travis	o	o	o	o	o		o					o		o		o										Park Roads, Parking, RV Sites, Cabanas, Bunkers & Wetland Enhancements Using Pilsner Dredgings		
61st St. Boat Ramp & Washington Park	o				o											o										Includes Constructed Wetlands		
McAllis Point, Ostermeyer Bayou and Beach Park 4	o										o			o		o												
New Facilities																												
Bolivar Beach Land Acquisitions and Beach Parks	o		o																							Beach, Public Land and Rinse Off Facilities	FEMA Buyout	
Rollover Pass Park, Lauderdale Boat Ramp, Bait Camp & Retail	o		o		o																					Gulf Side and ICW Side Fishing Piers	GLO Closure of Channel and Funding of Piers	
Crystal Beach District	o	o	o	o	o	o	o																				Per Bolivar Blue Print	
League City Area Dog Park								o																				
League City Paddling Trail														o		o											City Lead Project	
Port Bolivar Community Park	o	o		o											o		o	o						o				
Port Bolivar - North Jetty & Boat Ramp CIAP Project	o		o	o	o																					Dredge Boat Ramp	Per Bolivar Blue Print	
Port Bolivar 7 Mile Trail & Horseshoe Marsh Rail Trail	o			o		o			o					o		o											Per Bolivar Blue Print	
Proposed Drainage Ways and Detention Ponds*	o			o		o			o	o	o		o	o		o											Drainage Master Plan & Bond Program	
Texas City Central Park	o	o	o	o		o				o				o		o											City Lead Project	
Special Projects																												
Galveston Community Center ("Ave. L")																											Possible Renovation	
Dickinson Community Center																											Possible Expansion	
Beach Pocket Parks																												
Dickinson Boat Ramp																												

* Proposed in County Master Drainage Plan January 24, 2010

** County Fair is self funding - no improvements anticipated at this time.

1 = Already Complete

High Priority

Med. Priority

Low Priority

GALVESTON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

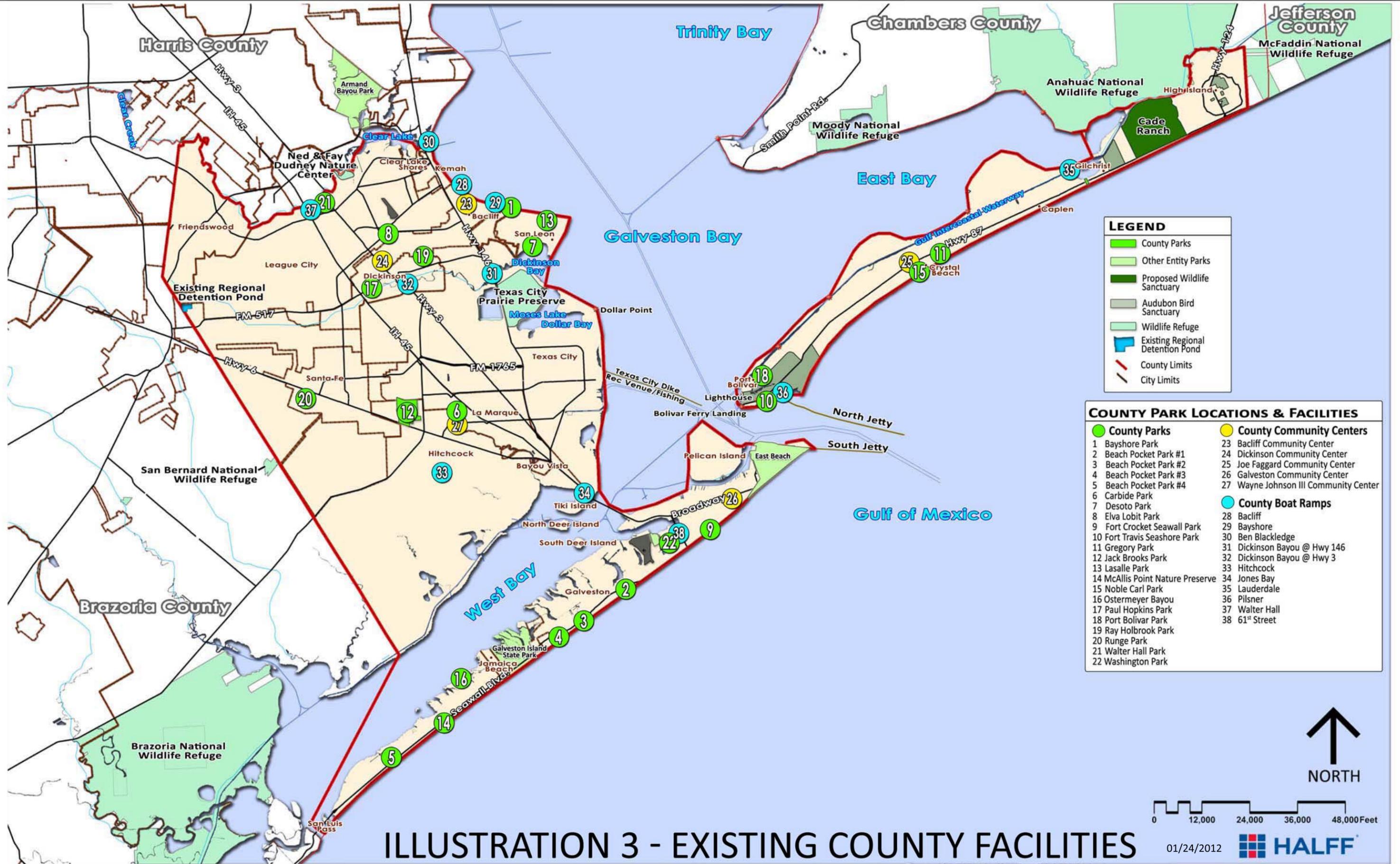
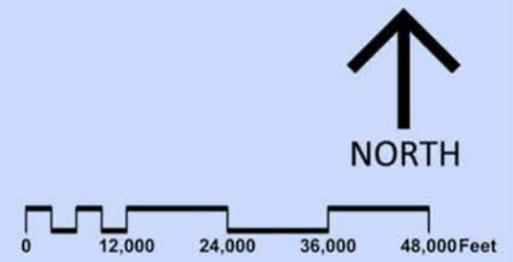
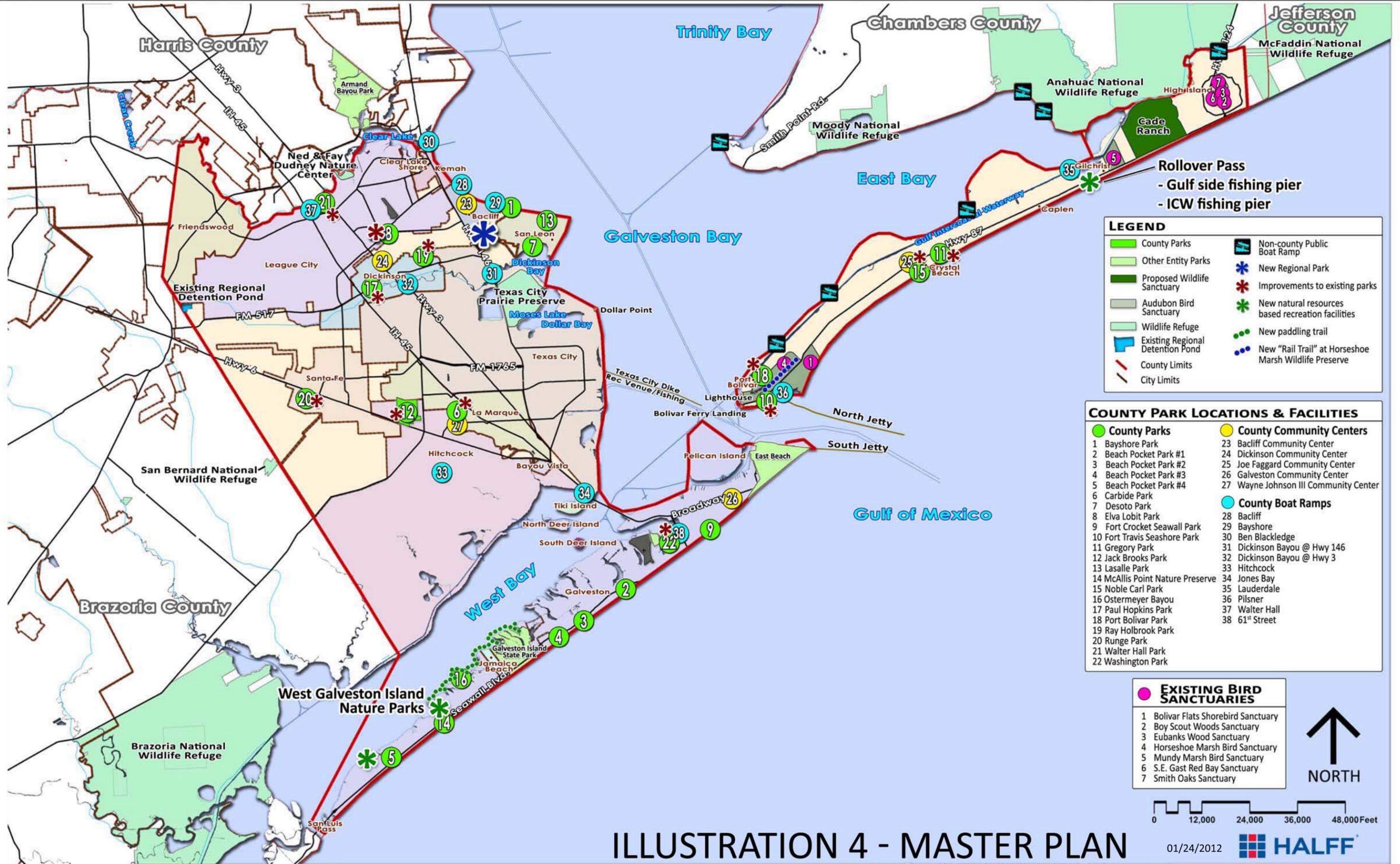


ILLUSTRATION 3 - EXISTING COUNTY FACILITIES



GALVESTON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN



LEGEND

- County Parks
- Other Entity Parks
- Proposed Wildlife Sanctuary
- Audubon Bird Sanctuary
- Wildlife Refuge
- Existing Regional Detention Pond
- County Limits
- City Limits
- Non-county Public Boat Ramp
- New Regional Park
- Improvements to existing parks
- New natural resources based recreation facilities
- New paddling trail
- New "Rail Trail" at Horseshoe Marsh Wildlife Preserve

COUNTY PARK LOCATIONS & FACILITIES

County Parks	County Community Centers
1 Bayshore Park	23 Bacliff Community Center
2 Beach Pocket Park #1	24 Dickinson Community Center
3 Beach Pocket Park #2	25 Joe Faggard Community Center
4 Beach Pocket Park #3	26 Galveston Community Center
5 Beach Pocket Park #4	27 Wayne Johnson III Community Center
6 Carbide Park	
7 Desoto Park	County Boat Ramps
8 Elva Lobit Park	28 Bacliff
9 Fort Crockett Seawall Park	29 Bayshore
10 Fort Travis Seashore Park	30 Ben Blackledge
11 Gregory Park	31 Dickinson Bayou @ Hwy 146
12 Jack Brooks Park	32 Dickinson Bayou @ Hwy 3
13 Lasalle Park	33 Hitchcock
14 McAllis Point Nature Preserve	34 Jones Bay
15 Noble Carl Park	35 Lauderdale
16 Ostermeyer Bayou	36 Pilsner
17 Paul Hopkins Park	37 Walter Hall
18 Port Bolivar Park	38 61 st Street
19 Ray Holbrook Park	
20 Runge Park	
21 Walter Hall Park	
22 Washington Park	

EXISTING BIRD SANCTUARIES

- Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary
- Boy Scout Woods Sanctuary
- Eubanks Wood Sanctuary
- Horseshoe Marsh Bird Sanctuary
- Mundy Marsh Bird Sanctuary
- S.E. Gast Red Bay Sanctuary
- Smith Oaks Sanctuary



ILLUSTRATION 4 - MASTER PLAN

01/24/2012





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Memorandum

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

To: Dennis Harris

10/7/10

From: Lloyd Lentz

Subject: "Blackboard" Announcements

As indicated on the attached correspondence between John Simsen and me, the "Blackboard" announcements about the Parks and Recreation Survey were made via telephone on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 24th

Sunday, August 29th

Tuesday, September 17th

Sunday, September 19th.

Encl.

Lentz, Lloyd

From: Simsen, John [John.Simsen@co.galveston.tx.us]
Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2010 2:31 PM
To: Lentz, Lloyd
Subject: Re: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

Whatever dates were discussed in the previous emails can be included. Don't have those emails at my fingertips.

Regards,

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Lentz, Lloyd <LLentz@Halff.com>
To: Simsen, John
Sent: Thu Oct 07 14:23:29 2010
Subject: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

John,

Can you confirm the dates that you sent out the announcement for the Parks Master Plan?

I need to include that information in the Master Plan.

Thanks !!

LL

Lloyd Lentz

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Lentz, Lloyd

From: Simsen, John [John.Simsen@co.galveston.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 4:56 PM
To: Lentz, Lloyd
Cc: Harris, Dennis
Subject: RE: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

Well, we would prefer not to send them quite that often. This is primarily an emergency notification system; after a while people tune it out, and we don't want them to ignore our critical messages when we are entering the busiest month of Hurricane Season.

Perhaps two times initially, a week night and weekend; and then later in the month, a week night and a weekend.

I would suggest the message be revised/updated for the second series of messages, as well, so the citizens know that it is a different message and something they should hear.

If this works for you, we will schedule the messages at the times you suggested on Tuesday, Aug. 24; Sunday, Aug. 29; Tuesday Sept. 14; and Sunday, Sept. 19.

Let me know,

John

From: Lentz, Lloyd [mailto:LLentz@Halff.com]
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 4:32 PM
To: Simsen, John
Cc: Harris, Dennis; Carla Prince
Subject: RE: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

John,

Thanks for getting back to me.

1. Let's do twice per week: Tuesday evenings about 8:00 and Sunday afternoons about 5:00.
2. We need to do this weekly for 5 more weeks.
3. Do as much of the county as you can reach with the system.

Thanks for your help !!

Lloyd

From: Simsen, John [mailto:John.Simsen@co.galveston.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 4:25 PM
To: Lentz, Lloyd
Cc: Harris, Dennis; Carla Prince
Subject: RE: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

Hi Lloyd,

Just three questions:

1. When do you want us to schedule the call? (Weekday, weekend, day/evening?)
2. How many times do you want to deliver the message – just once, or several times, and how far apart?
3. What areas do you want to target: Just Bolivar Peninsula, or as much of the unincorporated areas as possible (San Leon-Bacliff, Freddiesville, unincorporated Santa Fe, etc.)

Thanks,

John

From: Lentz, Lloyd [mailto:LLentz@Halff.com]
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 12:33 PM
To: Simsen, John
Cc: Harris, Dennis; Carla Prince
Subject: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

John,

Please send the following announcement via the "Blackboard":

"Please help Galveston County plan for the future of its parks and natural resources by taking our on-line survey. No personal information will be shared and your comments are confidential. You may access the on-line survey at www.co.galveston.tx.us or www.galvestonparks-seniors.org through September 30th. Thank you for your participation."

Lloyd Lentz
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INSIDE TODAY

WORD ON THE STREET

Readers sound off on the city of La Marque and the county redistricting maps **Page B5.**

COUNTY LINES

Parks group to give progress report

LA MARQUE — The Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services will have a

public meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Wayne Johnson Community Center at Carbide Park, 4102 Main St. (FM 519).

The meeting will report on the feedback the county received dur-

ing its Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan process that began more than eight months ago.

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COUNTY LINES

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An open house will take place during the first half of the meeting with public comments afterward.

For information, call 409-934-8100.

— *Angela Taylor*

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RECREATION

Input drives parks plan



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Travis Hunt, of Webster, fishes on the shore of Clear Creek in Walter Hall Park on Friday morning in League City. Officials hope to unveil a new master plan for county parks early next year.

Survey seeks out what residents want in county facilities

By T.J. AULDS
The Daily News

League City residents would like to have a dog park.

Those in Santa Fe would like more softball and baseball parks.

La Marque residents would like to see the model airplane area at Carbide Park improved.

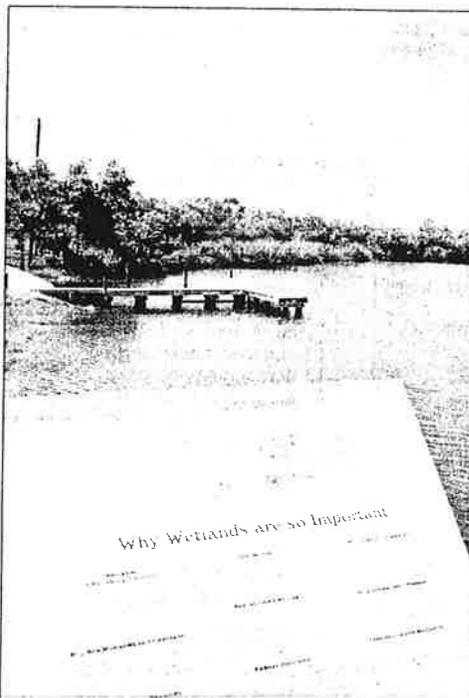
Meanwhile, Bolivar Peninsula residents would like to see bathrooms and showers along the beach.

The county's parks department is revising its master plan for parks and is seeking comments from residents about the 40-plus facilities the county manages.

It's the first review since the county overhauled the plan in 2003.

Dennis Harris, director of the county's parks and senior services department, said he is starting with a good list of ideas, thanks to four community meetings earlier this year.

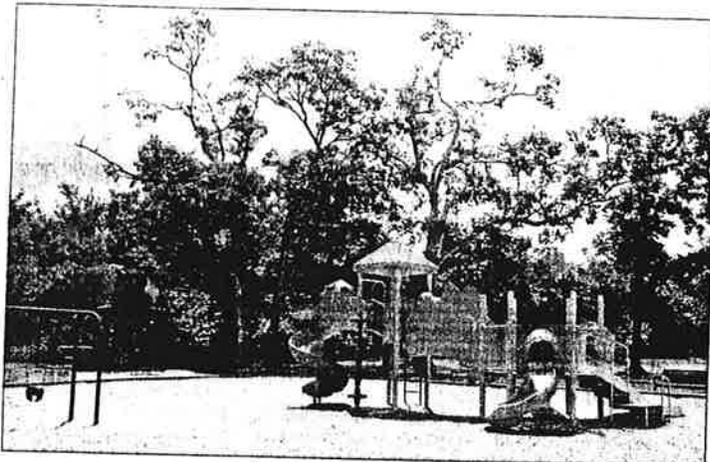
Harris said the core of the plan is to manage regional parks that offer amenities best suited



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On the Web

Go to galvnews.com for a link to the survey and



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Walter Hall Park in League City features a playground.

County parks

Park	Location	Acres	Amenities
Bayshore Park	Bacliff	28	Baseball fields (5), boat ramp, picnic areas (10), pier and playground
Carbide Park	La Marque	67	Basketball court, picnic areas (6), playground, tennis courts (2) and community center
Fort Travis Seashore Park	Port Bolivar	70	Camping, multipurpose trail, picnic areas (3), pier, restrooms and showers, volleyball court
Jack Brooks Park	Hitchcock	678	Archery range, baseball fields (3), basketball court, canoe launch, disc golf course, rodeo arena, horseshoe pits, mountain bike trail, picnic areas (37), piers (2), playgrounds (3), restrooms and showers (3), soccer fields (4), tennis courts (2) and volleyball court
Walter Hall Park	League City	86	Baseball field, boat ramp, enclosed pavilion, picnic areas (7), pier, playground, soccer fields (4) and tennis courts (2)
Desoto Park	San Leon	8	Baseball practice fields (2)
Elva Lobit Park	League City	28	Baseball field, basketball court, football/soccer fields (3), picnic area, playground, tennis courts (2)
Fort Crockett Seawall Park	Galveston	2	Picnic areas (2)
Gregory Park	Crystal Beach	15	Basketball court and picnic areas (2)
Lasalle Park	San Leon	3	Baseball field
Noble Carl Park	Crystal Beach	11	Baseball field, multipurpose trail, picnic areas (3) and playground
Paul Hopkins Park	Dickinson	11	Canoe launch, multipurpose trail, picnic area and a pier
Ray Holbrook Park	Dickinson	33	Baseball fields (4), Picnic areas (5), Playground, restrooms and showers
Runge Park	Santa Fe	20	Baseball fields (4), basketball court, community center, concession/restroom building, riding arena, gazebo, picnic area and playground
Washington Park/61st Street Boat Ramp	Galveston	—	Picnic area, pier and boat ramps (2)

PARKS

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for the nearby communities. He said the parks typically attract visitors who live within five to 10 miles.

Based on park facility rentals, Harris estimates as many as 1.5 million people go to the county's parks each year. Of those, about 625,000 make a trip to a county park for an event in which the county leases facilities, Harris said.

Input from an online survey and a phone survey will be used to revise the plan for the next five to 10 years, Harris said.

"In addition to addressing population growth

and recreation needs throughout Galveston County, this master plan also will address recreation and conservation needs in areas on West Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula that were damaged by Hurricane Ike and continue to explore land acquisitions for the Bacliff-San Leon communities," Harris said.

The land purchases refer to a plan to find about 100 acres to develop into a park for the San Leon and Bacliff communities that also would be home to an expanded senior citizens program. The park also would have baseball and softball fields and walking trails.

On Bolivar Peninsula,

the county will look at using hundreds of lots it will purchase through its Hurricane Ike buyout program. Amenities for beach-goers could include a boardwalk area that could have restrooms, wash-off areas and temporary kiosks for vendors.

Harris said North County residents have pressed for a dog park especially after League City's plans to build a complex fell through.

Harris said the online survey will continue through Sept. 30. He said he hopes to unveil a master plan by the first of 2011.

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The boardwalk is seen in

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Winnie Burkett and
Andrew Beck with
Houston Audubon
Lloyd Lentz, Halff Assoc.

Subject: Audubon Houston -
Galveston County Parks
Master Plan

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Location: Audubon Houston
440 Wilchester Blvd.
Houston, TX 77079

AVO No. : 27581

Discussion:

1. Mr. Lentz provided an introduction to Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Conservation Master Plan.
2. **Q: What is Houston Audubon's Mission?**
A: Bird conservation through education, advocacy and habitat acquisition. Also, Houston Audubon has its own board of directors and is a "501.c.3." nonprofit organization that is separate from Texas Audubon, or the national Audubon organization.
3. **Q: What issues or concerns do you have relating to the Galveston County Parks Master Plan?**
A: Houston Audubon would like the County to focus more on habitat concerns and issues. For example, the County could reduce mowing in parks if native plants were established, which would also create more wildlife habitat.
4. **Q: What properties does Houston Audubon own?**
A: Houston Audubon Owns 3,000 acres in Galveston County, 2000 of which are on the Bolivar Peninsula. Houston Audubon also owns about 6 acres on Galveston Island next to Sea Isle. (Houston Audubon provided several maps and graphics that show their properties on the Peninsula.) The Audubon properties on the Peninsula include:
 - Horseshoe Marsh Bird Sanctuary (Near Port Bolivar)
 - Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary (Near Port Bolivar)
 - Mundy Marsh Bird Sanctuary (Near Rollover Pass)
 - Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary (High Island)
 - Eubanks Bird Sanctuary (High Island)
 - Gast Woods Red Bay Sanctuary (High Island)
 - Boy Scout Woods Bird Sanctuary (High Island)

5. Q: What would you like Galveston County to do for Houston Audubon?

A: There are several things that the County can help Houston Audubon that will also help PenDeCo. These include:

- Protect and enhance the “dune swale wetlands”, particularly those along the old rail road bed that runs through the Horseshoe Marsh Property and on up the Peninsula.
- Help acquire more habitat lands and educate the public, particularly students.
- Help with coastal prairie restoration in the appropriate locations
- Help with the removal of “exotic” invader species (such as Tallow trees)
- Near the Jetty (at “Little Beach”) there are a lot of families using the beach and jetty for fishing and recreation. Park facilities are needed to support these users and to create an opportunity for vendors and concessions. Needed facilities include:
 - Public Restrooms
 - Beach Pavilion with sheltered deck
 - Picnic facilities
 - Concession / vendor areas - tackle and bait shops, food and drinks
 - Paved parking
 - RV Parking
 - Interpretative / education center
 - Trails
 - Boat ramp with parking for trucks and trailers

6. Q: What can Houston Audubon do for Galveston County?

A: Houston Audubon has helped the County by providing trees at Fort Travis. We can help with the selection of native species for plantings on County projects.

7. Q: What partnership opportunities do you foresee in Galveston County, and who would the partners be?

A. We can help train park staff about habitat and wildlife, native plants and eco-systems. We can also team with the County Parks Department to provide interpretative programs for park visitors. One of our key strategies for Houston Audubon is to team more with the County, particularly on the Peninsula.

8. Q: Have you considered establishing a native plant nursery on the Peninsula to help with reestablishment of native species?

A. The creation of a native plant nursery is one of PenDeCo’s economic development options. Having a native plant source for plants like grasses, Railroad Vine, Dune Primrose would help with habitat restoration and with “Sustainable Development” and with the overall image of the Peninsula.

9. Q: What other concerns or thoughts do you have?

A: Houston Audubon is open to partnering more !!

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Victoria Herrin and John Cronin with Houston Wilderness
Lloyd Lentz, Halff Assoc.

Subject: Houston Wilderness Efforts and Galveston County Parks Master Plan

Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Location: 4916 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002

AVO No. : 27581

Discussion:

1. Mr. Lentz provided an introduction to Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Conservation Master Plan.
2. Houston Wilderness key concerns related to Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston County:
 - a. Houston Wilderness (HW) collaborates with 65 environmentally focused organizations, including Houston Audubon.
 - b. HW interests and concerns as they relate to the Galveston County Parks Master Plan are focus primarily on habitat protection and enhancements in the coastal areas. These interests include:
 - i. Erosion control and marsh habitat restoration along the Intercoastal Waterway (ICWW)
 - ii. Creation of an environmentally focused educational and interpretative facility at "Little Beach" next to the jetty near Port Bolivar.
 - iii. Creation of a nature trail along the rail road bed that runs through the Audubon Horseshoe Marsh property and onward north.
 - iv. Creation of new access points to marsh areas on the west side of the Peninsula, adjacent to the ICWW.
 - v. Restoration of native grasses and trees for migratory bird habitat on the Peninsula, including the planting of Oak tree motts.
 - c. The GLO and County are in the process of buying out well over 200 tracts as the result of Hurricane Ike. HW would like to see the properties planned for appropriate land uses, including increasing habitat and natural areas where appropriate.

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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Subject: Bolivar Blueprint Review

Attendees: Careen Plummer, Sid Bouse, Bill Fagan

Location: County Courthouse

This meeting was conducted at the County Courthouse in the Commissioners Court conference room. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. The key agent for economic recovery on the Peninsula is "ecotourism".
2. Key ideas in support of growing the ecotourism industry on Bolivar include:
 - a. A "Heritage Trail" that would run from the ferry landing to High Island, telling the history of the Peninsula and linking historical / cultural sites.
 - b. New park, recreation, picnic, concession facilities (with restrooms) at the North Jetty. The jetty is heavily used, but has not support infrastructure. The Pilsner boat ramp is silted in.
 - c. A new boat ramp north of the ferry landing is a priority.
 - d. Windsurfing – provide facilities at Gilchrist Cove or Little Beach, or both.
 - e. Provide new fishing facilities at Rollover Pass to replace the pass once it is closed.
 - f. Gregory Park – currently used primarily for "Crab Fest", with little use the rest of the year. Provide more recreation opportunities, such as outdoor music events and other festivals.
 - g. Ft. Travis – Bolivar Blueprint recommends that the "Openness" Ft. Travis me maintained. Other thoughts for Ft. Travis include:
 - i. Shops / lease space
 - ii. Amphitheater
 - iii. Concerts
 - iv. Drive-in summer movies (or maybe just at the amphitheater)
 - v. Link to the Jane Long Historical Gateway Project
 - vi. Link to the "Gateway" proposed to be located across SH 87 from the lighthouse
3. At Port Bolivar, there are three sites that need to be repaired and upgraded:
 - a. Rodeo Arena – (is this an Audubon acquisition???)
 - b. Little League Ball Park
 - c. Old School Site at Monroe and 18th St.
4. The Lighthouse is privately owned between two branches of a family, the Maxwells and Boyts. The Owners are not interested in selling the lighthouse or opening it to the public.
5. Public beach areas need directional signage, restrooms with showers, trash control.
6. Careen will culminate the Bolivar Blueprint effort on September 30th with a presentation to Commissioners Court.

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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Subject: Public Meeting No. 1

Attendees: See Attached List

Location: Crystal Beach Annex

This meeting was conducted in a workshop format at the Crystal Beach Annex on Bolivar Peninsula to provide residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to make their wishes and concerns known to the Halff planning team and Galveston County staff. The following is a summary of comments received from the attendees:

1. A copy of the 2010 Bolivar Blueprint was provided to Halff representatives. This document outlines specific goals and objectives for the economic recovery of the Peninsula. Section **3. Parks, Recreation and Tourism** begins on page 12 and outlines proposed improvements for the following general locations on the Peninsula:
 - a. Port Bolivar
 - b. Ft. Travis
 - c. Crenshaw School
 - d. The Crystal Beach District
 - e. Gregory Park
 - f. Rollover Pass

2. As part of the workshop, maps of the Peninsula were rolled out on the table and participants were encouraged to make notes and provide more detailed direction about locations of existing public and private facilities, as well as various recreational opportunities and constraints that need to be considered. The following is a brief summary of those comments:
 - a. Port Bolivar
 - i. Provide a new park with campgrounds near the Ferry Landing / Frenchtown Road area.
 - ii. Adjacent to the North Jetty, provide parking, a kayak launch area, RV and camping sites, restrooms, and concessions
 - iii. Provide a major multipurpose trail that connects the Ferry Landing/ Frenchtown Road area to Ft. Travis, the North Jetty, the Audubon Society Horseshoe Marsh Property and the Port Bolivar Little League Park. This trail would intersect with the proposed trail that will follow the abandoned railroad bed that runs up the peninsula through Horseshoe Marsh.
 - iv. Repair the Port Bolivar Little League Park and facilities.
 - v. Provide a park facility with showers and restrooms along SH 87, between 4th Ave. and Boyt Rd.

 - b. Crystal Beach
 - i. A crabbing and fishing area is delineated at the end of N. Tinkle Ln. at the location of a former RV campground.
 - ii. Property located between the beach and the Crystal Palace Hotel is noted as a potential acquisition site because of its Gulf frontage.
 - iii. Additional land acquisition for Gregory Park is recommended.

c. Rollover Pass

- i. It is understood that Rollover Pass will be closed by the General Land Office as soon a permit is received from the Corps of Engineers. The loss of recreational fishing is to be offset through the construction of one or more new fishing piers:
 1. A new Gulf side lighted pier, with adjacent concessions and park facilities, such as restrooms and parking
 2. Kayak launch with fishing piers and concessions along the Intercoastal Waterway
- ii. A new Gulf side boat ramp is indicated for the area near the proposed Gulf side lighted pier.
- iii. Camping is indicated in the area between Rollover Pass and High Island, along the Gulf side.
- iv. Concessions for activities like "Bannana Boat" rides are indicated near the Gulf side pier and boat ramp.

d. High Island

- i. A trolley system is proposed along Bayou Landing Road between the High Island community and the Intercoastal Waterway.
- ii. A marina is proposed at the terminus of the trolley on the Intercoastal Waterway.
- iii. Dune reconstruction and beach replenishment is noted for the entire stretch between Rollover Pass and High Island, in the general location of the proposed reconstruction of SH 87 to a new, higher profile.

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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 22, 2010

Subject: Public Meeting No. 2

Attendees: See Attached List

Location: Bacliff Annex

This meeting was conducted in a workshop format at the Crystal Beach Annex on Bolivar Peninsula to provide residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to make their wishes and concerns known to the Halff planning team and Galveston County staff. The following is a summary of comments received from the attendees:

1. Dennis Harris introduced the Parks Master Plan purpose and background. There were several questions regarding the 1998 Master Plan and concerns that the regional park proposed for the Bacliff / San Leon area had not advanced. Dennis related his efforts to acquire an appropriate tract, particularly property at the NRG Plant (Formerly the HL&P "Robinson Plant"). Dennis confirmed that the proceeds from the sale of the RV Park site on the west side of the discharge channel from the NRG plant were still in an account waiting to be used either for land acquisition or park facilities development if the land can be acquired via dedication or low cost. Dennis also identified funds spent and improvements made at Bayshore Park since the 1998 Master Plan was adopted. These include:
 - a. Paved roadways and parking
 - b. Site regrading to create positive drainage
 - c. Construction of the boat ramp
 - d. Repairs to the bay front to repair erosion damage and to prevent future erosion
 - e. New restroom building
 - f. New picnic pavilion
 - g. Trails
 - h. Ball field improvements

2. Attendees identified the following operational issues:
 - a. Overcrowding on weekends. Heavy volume of trash left on the ground
 - b. Ball fields need more improvement, like irrigation and smoother turf areas
 - c. Additional security needs on weekends in particular



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3. The attendees emphasized that they do not want a system of trails or bikeways outside of the park due to the high presence of sex offenders in the area and the resulting concern for children in unsupervised areas.
4. Bayshore park is used for a variety of events including the HAS Circus and some festivals. However, the park is closed on some holidays, such as 4th of July, to avoid issues related to overcrowding and potential unruly behavior.
5. The attendees had a variety of ideas about what they wanted in the way of parks and recreation facilities. Dennis requested that residents meet to create a consensus "wish list" for the County to follow in planning new facilities for the Bacliff / San Leon area.

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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Subject: Public Meeting No. 3

Attendees: See Attached List

Location: Wayne Johnson
Community Center

This meeting was conducted in a workshop format at the Wayne Johnson Community Center at Carbide Park to provide residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to make their wishes and concerns known to the Halff planning team and Galveston County staff. The following is a summary of comments received from the attendees:

1. Dennis and Lloyd provided a briefing on the history and purpose of the Parks Master Plan.
2. Many of the attendees were interested in the "Kitty Hawk" remote controlled model airplane, including the following concerns:
 - a. Trees at the south end of the grass runway that are an obstacle to the aircraft
 - b. Lack of irrigation for the grass runway and the resulting cracking in the soil due to shrinkage in hot weather.
3. Other concerns and comments include:
 - a. The need for better directional and interpretative signage throughout the park
 - b. Water hyacinths covering the ponds at the highlands and preventing fishing
 - c. The need for improvements to the Camp Wallace area to encourage visitors and historical interpretation and education
 - d. The need for additional improvements to the disc golf courses:
 - i. Plant more trees to define the fairways
 - ii. Provide a 3rd disc golf course
 - iii. Provide concrete tee boxes (5' x 12')
 - iv. Provide signage for each course and at the tee boxes
 - v. Provide a pavilion for the disc golf area to accommodate tournaments and crowd of 50 +.
 - vi. Provide more ponds or water features
 - vii. Provide a pedestrian bridge across the diversion channel

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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 29, 2010

Subject: Public Meeting No. 4

Attendees: See Attached List

Location: Walter Hall Park
Pavilion, League City

This meeting was conducted in a workshop format at the Walter Hall Park Pavilion at Carbide Park to provide residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to make their wishes and concerns known to the Halff planning team and Galveston County staff. The following is a summary of comments received from the attendees:

1. Dennis and Lloyd provided a briefing on the history and purpose of the Parks Master Plan.
2. Attendee concerns and comments include:
 - a. The best parks, Like Walter Hall Park, have many different things to do. Parks should be "family friendly" with facilities and features such as:
 - i. Paddling trail
 - ii. Skate park
 - iii. Shade trees
 - iv. Playground for a wide range of age groups
 - v. Farmers market and community garden
 - vi. View of water and water access
 - b. The County should partner with League City to provide enhanced activities and services, including recycling and composting.
3. Attendees felt that the greatest needs for Walter Hall Park are:
 - a. Better use of the baseball field, such as summer workshops for T-ball ages and up. The baseball field sits idle much of the year.
 - b. Better access to Clear Creek
 - c. A trail along Clear Creek that connects to Kemah
 - d. Dog park
 - e. Enhanced waterfront development along Clear Creek, including
 - f. Canoe and kayak livery service
 - g. Expanded boat docks / courtesy dock tie up
 - h. Clean up the existing pond which is covered in algae
 - i. More picnic stations with grills
 - j. Water feature / Serenity Garden
 - k. Better directional and informational signage



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4. Other Comments

- a. **Bacliff Community Center – needs to be replaced. It is in bad shape and there is not enough parking**
- b. **Runge Park – needs upgraded fencing and backstops and backstop net (for foul balls) and upgraded restrooms**
- c.

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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Friday, August 20, 2010

Subject: Master Plan Coordination

Attendees: Jay Williams, Texas City Parks
Dennis Harris – Galveston County Parks
Lloyd Lentz – Halff Assoc.

Location: COTC Parks Office

This meeting was conducted at Jay Williams' office to coordinate the County's Parks Master Plan efforts with those of Texas City. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. Dennis explained that the County Parks Department's focus is regional parks, serving unincorporated areas and underserved areas of the County. The County wishes to avoid duplication of facilities and efforts that the cities, such as Texas City provide. However, historically the County has partnered with the Cities to provide funding or other assistance for projects that meet the recreation needs of County residents.
2. Mr. Williams outlined the City's current park & recreation development efforts.
 - Carlos Garza Sports Park – Funded by a gift from British Petroleum (BP), the facility includes:
 - 2 Adult Softball Fields
 - 5 Girls Softball Fields
 - Youth Football Field
 - Practice Fields
 - 500 Person Pavilion w/ concessions and restrooms
 - Skyline (Levee) Park
 - Has birding sites and a trail
 - Levee is owned by the Levee / Drainage District
3. Mr. Williams indicated that support from the County would be helpful for the proposed Central Park. The City owns the land and has a plan but there has been no activity lately. Other comments about Central Park include:
 - There is a US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) monitored wetland that is being invaded by Tallow trees. There has been no USACE action against the City yet, but the City could use help with the Tallow eradication.
 - Potential partners for the City include Galveston County and BP. No other potential partners have been identified as of yet.
 - The City would also like to acquire more land and expand the park site.

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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Subject: Master Plan Coordination

Attendees: Chien Wei – League City Parks
Dennis Harris – Galveston County Parks
Lloyd Lentz – Halff Assoc.

Location: COLC Parks Office

This meeting was conducted at Chien Wei's office to coordinate the County's Parks Master Plan efforts with those of League City. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. Dennis explained that the County Parks Department's focus is regional parks, serving unincorporated areas and underserved areas of the County. The County wishes to avoid duplication of facilities and efforts that the cities, such as League City provide. However, historically the County has partnered with the Cities to provide funding or other assistance for projects that meet the recreation needs of County residents. An example of this is the funding provided by the County for the Phase 1 development of Centennial Park in Friendswood.
2. Chien outlined the City's current park & recreation development efforts. He provided a copy of the following:
 - 2005 Parks and Recreation Master Plan,
 - the July 12th Clear Creek Paddle Trail Presentation to the 4B Board,
 - Parks CIP Projects spreadsheet for FY 2011 – 2015
 - Clear Creek Paddle Trail Preliminary Cost Estimate for Walter Hall Park, dated 7/21/2010

The CIP projects are funded through "4B Board" and parkland dedication funds.

3. The City's Trails Plan calls for a Phase 1 of 26 miles, including 9.5 miles of paddle trail along Clear Creek. The paddle trail is the only Phase 1 element that involves coordination with Galveston County.
4. The Clear Creek Paddle Trail is planned to extend from Countryside Park on the upstream end the boat ramp at the FM 270 bridge near the Nature Center. Launch and landing sites are in the planning / early design phase. One site is proposed for Walter Hall Park near the existing boat ramp. The City would like to have some degree of separation between the boat launch and the kayak/canoe launch. Dennis indicated that the existing dock adjacent to the boat ramp has hand rails that are removable and that the dock may be able to be used for the kayak / canoe launch.
 - Action Item: Coordinate the location of the Walter Hall kayak/canoe launch with the next round of improvements to Walter Hall Park.
5. Walter Hall Park is in a location that is central to League City and has been mentioned as a possible location for a new amphitheater and/or dog park, in addition to the Paddle Trail launch site noted above.
 - Amphitheater vs Pony/Colt Fields - If the County determines that a new amphitheater will be constructed in Walter Hall Park, the existing Pony/Colt little league base ball field will need to be relocated. Chien indicated that he could convert an existing adult softball field another park on the west side of IH 45.

- Dog Park – There is a considerable amount of community support for a dog park in the north part of Galveston County. It may be possible to locate a dog park in Walter Hall Park if the City is able to provide funding. The dog park would be built and operated under an interlocal agreement between the County and the City of League City.
6. Lobit Park is located in the City of League City, although most of its users are from the City of Dickenson, including the Dickinson Pony/Colt little league baseball teams. The City has no current plans for Lobit Park. The County is restricted in its use of Lobit by an revisionary clause in the park dedication that requires the park to be used for Pony/Colt baseball.
 7. New Eastern Regional City Park is located at the intersection of Dickinson Road and SH 96. It is in the design stage and will include:
 - 4 Adult soccer fields
 - On-site trail
 - Community Center with 2 indoor gyms
 - One outdoor pool facilityThere is no County participation for this facility. However, it does address needs for a public Community Center and indoor recreation facilities in the north part of Galveston County.
 8. A Western Regional Park is proposed west of IH 45, but design and development are not within the current 2011-2015 CIP program.
 9. The Trails Master Plan calls for a major trail network in the western area of the City. Although this network is not part of the current 2011-2015 CIP program, the County Master Plan should consider the proposed trail network as a future co-sponsoring initiative and should coordinate with the County Drainage Master Plan study that is just beginning.
 10. Chien recommended that we contact Tony Allender with the City for coordination of “branding” and graphic systems for City facilities.

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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: October 10, 2010

Subject: Master Plan Coordination

Attendees: James Toney - City of Friendswood
Penny Burke - Friendswood Parks Board
Dennis Harris – Galveston County Parks
Lloyd Lentz – Halff Assoc.

Location: City of Friendswood

This meeting was conducted at James Toney's office to coordinate the County's Parks Master Plan efforts with those of Friendswood. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. Dennis explained that the County Parks Department's focus is regional parks, serving unincorporated areas and underserved areas of the County. The County wishes to avoid duplication of facilities and efforts that the cities, such as Friendswood provide. However, historically the County has partnered with the Cities to provide funding or other assistance for projects that meet the recreation needs of County residents. An example of this is the funding provided by the County for the Phase 1 development of Centennial Park in Friendswood.
2. James and Penny explained that the City of Friendswood's top priority is an undeveloped 47 Acre property that was given to the City by West Ranch. The site is near County Road 518, between Friendswood and League City and backs up to the Brittany Bay development. The site is a former sand pit and now is a small lake that is up to 100 ft. deep. The City's plans for this park include:
 - Construct an access road and parking
 - Construct about 400 linear feet of floating dock on the south side of the lake
 - Connect this park to other city parks and trails
3. Other City priorities are:
 - 28 Ac. Girls softball and soccer complex at 528 and Moore Rd. – Needs parking
 - Skate Park – like the Jamail Skate Park in Houston
 - Dog Park
 - Connect Stephenson Park to the adjacent "Old City Park"
 - More Little League Fields are needed – there are 7 Little League fields with 980 kids registered
 - More football and lacrosse fields are needed – 580 are signed up for Little League Football and about 400 for lacrosse
 - The City needs to acquire more park land. In the interim, more fields need to be lighted to expand the amount of time available for play and practice.
4. The city "build out" population is projected to be 45,000. Current population is about 36,000. There are about 2,000 acres left to build out.



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Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Friday, October 22, 2010

Subject: Master Plan Coordination

Attendees: Barbara Sanderson - City of Galveston
Dennis Harris – Galveston County Parks
Lloyd Lentz – Halff Assoc.

Location: Galveston Parks Dept.

This meeting was conducted at Barbara Sanderson's office to coordinate the County's Parks Master Plan efforts with those of Galveston. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. Dennis explained that the County Parks Department's focus is regional parks, serving unincorporated areas and underserved areas of the County. The County wishes to avoid duplication of facilities and efforts that the cities, such as Galveston provide. However, historically the County has partnered with the Cities to provide funding or other assistance for projects that meet the recreation needs of County residents.
2. The following is a summary of initiatives underway by the City of Galveston Parks Department:
 - Playground updates to meet CPSC standards
 - Lighting Repairs – working with FEMA to effect repairs
 - Improvements to 27 acre athletic complex at 7th Street and "Dead Man's Curve"
 - Rehab the Band Shell – The facility is within the jurisdiction of the Texas Historical Commission. The cost of the rehab is \$300 K. The City is looking for grant funding.
 - Tree Replacements – City intends to plant 1,000 trees per year for 5 years
 - East End Lagoon – The City is in the planning stage, but needs partners. There is no funding as of now.
 - The skate park has been completed
 - Golf Course – Moody Gardens operates it
 - Dog Park – Lindale Park is the "unofficial dog park", there are leash law issues
3. Current County Efforts on Galveston Island:
 - 61st Street Boat Ramp
 - Washington Park
 - McAllis Point Nature Preserve – land acquisition, future paddle trail and hiking access only
 - Ostermeyer Bayou Nature Preserve – land acquisition, future paddle trail and hiking access only

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November 8, 2010
AVO # 27581

Mr. Dennis Harris, Director
Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services
4102 Main St. (FM 519)
La Marque, Texas 77568

RE: "Gulf Side" Fishing Piers
Nueces County, Texas

Dear Mr. Harris:

Recently I was able to visit the Horace Caldwell and Bob Hall Piers that are operated by Nueces County on north Padre Island and Mustang Island. I have attached information provided by Scott Cross, Nueces County Director of Coastal Parks. Mr. Cross was extremely helpful and took time to visit and provide financial information about the operation of both piers.

Although more detailed information is attached, these are a few key points regarding the piers:

1. Physical Data

- a. Bob Hall Pier and Horace Caldwell Piers are identical in design and construction
- b. Pier length = 1,240 ft long x 15.5 ft wide; "T" is 165 ft long x 19 ft wide
- c. Bob Hall Pier was constructed in 1983 at a cost of \$1.3 million. It was rehabbed in 1993, with concrete repairs and cathodic protection provided on pile caps.
- d. Both piers were rehabbed again in 2004, including replacement of concrete deck panels, zinc metalizing on side and bottom of all beams and pile caps (probably for cathodic protection of steel reinforcing).
 - i. Horace Caldwell Pier = \$1,056,200
 - ii. Bob Hall Pier = \$1,223,344
- e. Bob Hall Pier is set to have a 50 ft x 50 ft addition adjacent to the restaurant / store to allow patrons to sit outside and watch the beach, ships and fishing activities. Construction is scheduled to begin soon at a cost of \$800,000. The same addition will be constructed at Horace Caldwell. However, since Bob Hall Pier has the greatest revenue stream and need, it is being constructed there first.

2. Operations

- a. Nueces County has concession agreement for operation of both piers with one concessionaire. It was not this way originally, but one of the concessionaires failed and the other concessionaire stepped in and took over.
- b. The concession agreement is for 3 years with 2 option years

- c. Revenue from sales: The concession agreement calls for a % of the gross revenue from sales from the “store” to be returned to the County. This is one of the competitive bid criteria. At this time Nueces County receives 6% of the gross revenue at each pier.
- d. Revenue from paid admissions onto the pier: Currently the distribution ratio is 40% concessionaire and 60% County. This ratio is one of the competitive bid criteria.
- e. Pier admissions – In addition to daily admission (pass) to the pier, the most common passes are a 3 day pass and a weekly pass. Annual passes are also available.
- f. Goal for revenue from the piers and concessions is 50% of operational costs.
- g. Revenue from the GLO: The GLO reimburses Nueces County for about 75% of the cost of beach maintenance, based on the length of beach frontage. Scott recommended that the length of the pier and the “T” head be added to the length of beach reimbursed by GLO to maximize the County’s funding. As I understand it, GLO funding for maintenance is a reimbursement program, so cash flow from the concessions is important to cover the cost of operations until payment from the GLO is received.

Sincerely,
HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.



Lloyd Lentz, ASLA
Senior Project Manager

Cc: Kimberly Annis
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Bob Hall Pier [\(from web site\)](#)

Contact Information

Phone: (361)949-8558

The Rules

- #1. No Glass Containers
- #2. No Camping, Sleeping on Pier
- #3. No Profanity
- #4. Hook and Line Fishing Only
- #5. No Cast Nets
- #6. Three Rod Limit Per Person
- #7. No Alcohol
- #8. No Flammables (lanterns, heaters, ect..)
- #9. No Diving From Pier
- #10. No Surfboards or Floating Devices
- #11. No Climbing on Handrails

The Owners

There are three partners that decided to buy the operation because they used to like eating on the beach. Michael just likes the beach and everything that goes with it. Mike worked in several restaurants and ran the back end of a cajun restaurant in Taos Nm in the 80's and that is why he was nominated to run the pier.

Mike grew up on the Texas coast in the houston/Kema area as a kid and surfed around Surfside, Corpus and Port Isabel. He surfed the old pier when I was a teenager.

Larry grew up in Cape Cod and he likes it here because it reminds him of home without the snow.

"We are committed to improving the Restaurant, service, bait and tackle shop and making the pier a destination for all to enjoy." We are planning a Labor Day bash on Sunday September 7th. The day before labor day and will be serving fajita tacos and free beer till it's gone. We will have our grand re-opening when our Beer/Wine license is approved and will have a party at a soon to be specified date. The plan is to have the Bait//Tackle shop open 24 hours and the

restaurant open from 7 till midnight. We are experimenting with the menu and will be expanding it once we get a few more pieces of kitchen equipment.

History



Actually there have been three Bob Hall Piers all built at the same site but at different times. The first two piers had one large enemy - Hurricanes! In 1961, Hurricane Carla destroyed the first Bob Hall Pier, which was originally built in the 1950's and was named after a Nueces County Commissioner of that era. It was a wooden structure only 600 feet long.

In 1962, Nueces County rebuilt the pier, again out of wood, but this time they made it twice as long. At 1,200 feet it was the longest fishing pier on the Texas Coast. Hurricane Beulah blew through the Coastal Bend in 1967 and trimmed the pier to half its original length. The County decided, that was a bit too short, so in 1968 a new wooden section, 127 feet, was added to the damaged pier. In its heyday in the 1970's nearly 3000 people a day would fish and walk upon it.

Everything was fine until 1980. When the pier was inspected, it was found the seaward 150 feet was suffering from structural damage because of years of continuous wave action. The 150 foot end of the pier was then closed to the public while repairs were being made. A few months later the pier was reopened, but the County was keeping a close eye on it for the life of that wooden pier was nearing its end.

While plans were being made to build a completely new Bob Hall Pier, this time out of reinforced concrete, Hurricane Allen hit the Texas coast in August of 1980

and completely destroyed the wooden pier. The only thing left were a few wooden post sticking out of the surf. This certainly was great planning for now the county would not have to pay for tearing down the old pier.

The basic parts of the new pier were designed to fit together like a giant Chinese puzzle with no bolts or pins. The different elements of the pier would be held together by gravity - the strongest force in nature. The design is thought to be storm proof. If a major storm slams waves against the underside of the pier, the concrete deck squares will pop out and hopefully allow the rest of the structure to remain intact. When walking on the pier take a look at the construction and see if you can figure out how it was put together.

Bob Hall Pier was engineered by Maverick Engineering, INC. (formerly Govind & Associates) and built by Isle Construction Company, at a cost of 1.3 million dollars, and was paid for by the Federal Government. The current Bob Hall Pier was started in 1982, and finished in 1983. The user fees are put into a special fund to keep the pier in good repair for all to enjoy. The present Bob Hall Pier is 1,240 feet long and 15.5 feet wide, with the T-Head at the end being 165 feet long and a little over 19 feet wide.

Meeting Report

Project Name: Galveston County Parks Master Plan

AVO: 27581

Meeting Date: Site Visit Sunday, October 10, 2010

Subject: Beach Side Pier for
Rollover Pass Area

Attendees: Lloyd Lentz – Halff Assoc.

Location: Horace Caldwell and
Bob Hall Piers, Nueces County

This visit to the two Nueces County fishing piers that are located on the Gulf of Mexico side of Mustang Island was made to investigate the nature of these facilities for reference in making recommendations for a new pier in the Rollover Pass area of Bolivar Peninsula.

Both piers are of the same general design: concrete piers and bents with precast concrete deck similar in nature to a highway bridge. Both piers have the same configuration for concessions and fishing. Parking is “at grade” and consists of asphalt paving.

Photos of the two Piers are attached for reference.

I spoke with the Nueces County Parks Director, Scott Cross to discuss his operations, budgets and to request his further input. He agreed to provide information about construction costs, operations, and revenues from the vendor, revenue from people paying to fish and revenue from beach parking permits.

Scott’s contact information:

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Nueces County Parks and Recreation Department
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CC: Dennis Harris
Kimberly Annis
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Bob Hall Pier and Padre Balli Park



Bob Hall Pier and Padre Balli Park



Park Headquarters and Parks Department Offices

Bob Hall Pier and Padre Balli Park



Horace Caldwell Pier and IB McGee Beach Park



Restroom Building

Restroom Building

Horace Caldwell Pier and IB McGee Beach Park



New Restroom / Concession Building



New Restroom / Concession Building

Horace Caldwell Pier and IB McGee Beach Park

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Holbrook Park - Phase 2

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24)	1	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
2	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	5	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
3	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	3,000	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 90,000.00
4	Pedestrian Bridge to Link Both Sides	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
5	Playground	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
6	Birdwatching - Interpretative Signs	1	Allow.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
7	Bird Watching Overlook	400	SF	\$ 50.00	\$ 20,000.00
8	Renovate Restroom Building	400	SF	\$ 200.00	\$ 80,000.00
9	Improvements to Exist Softball Fields	1	Allow.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 520,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 78,000.00
Subtotal					\$ 598,000.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 89,700.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 687,700.00

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Bacliff + San Leon Regional Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Clearing and Grubbing	50	Ac	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
2	Earthwork / Pond / Fill for Fields	3,500	CY	\$ 6.00	\$ 21,000.00
3	Lighted & Irrigated Adult Soccer Fields	3	EA	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
4	315 ft Lighted & Irrigated Softball Fields	4	EA	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 600,000.00
5	Parking - Soccer Fields (50 Spaces/ Field)	150	Space	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 225,000.00
6	Parking - Softball (50 Spaces /Field)	200	Space	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300,000.00
7	Parking - Pond	70	Space	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 105,000.00
8	Roads - 6" Concrete x 24 ft Wide	2,500	LF	\$ 200.00	\$ 500,000.00
9	Transformers & Distribution Panels	1	Allow.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
10	Primary Electrical Service Line (U.G.)	1	Allow.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
11	Site Electrical - Area Lighting	20	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
12	Secondary Site Electrical	3,500	LF	\$ 40.00	\$ 140,000.00
13	Water Main Lines - 6" DR 18 PVC	2,500	LF	\$ 25.00	\$ 62,500.00
14	Water Lines -Domestic - 2" Sch 40 PVC	1,000	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 15,000.00
15	Sanitary Sewer Forcemain - 2" - 3"	2,500	Lf	\$ 15.00	\$ 37,500.00
16	Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump Stations	2	EA	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
17	Sanitary Sewer Package Plant	1	EA	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
18	Restroom & Concession Building	800	SF	\$ 180.00	\$ 144,000.00
19	Restroom Building	400	SF	\$ 200.00	\$ 80,000.00
20	Maintenance Building	800	SF	\$ 125.00	\$ 100,000.00
21	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	2,600	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 78,000.00
22	Playground	1	EA	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
23	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24)	3	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 84,000.00
24	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	15	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
25	Irrigation - Except athletic fields	10	AC	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
26	Turf Establishment	10	AC	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 45,000.00
27	Entry Signage and Plantings	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
28	Directional Signage	1	Allow.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
29	Perimeter Fence - 6 ft Chain Link	4,800	LF	\$ 25.00	\$ 120,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 4,016,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 602,400.00
Subtotal					\$ 4,618,400.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing, Appraisals an Wetlands Determination @15%					\$ 692,760.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 5,311,160.00

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Lobit Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Demolition	1	Allow.	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
2	Earthwork / Fill for Fields	3,000	CY	\$ 10.00	\$ 30,000.00
3	Lighted & Irrigated Adult Soccer Fields	1	EA	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
4	300 ft. Little League Baseball Field	1	EA	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
5	Parking - Soccer Fields (50 Sp/ Field)	50	Space	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 75,000.00
6	Parking - BB (50 Spaces /Field)	50	Space	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 75,000.00
8	Roads - 6" Concrete x 24 ft Wide	800	LF	\$ 200.00	\$ 160,000.00
8	Transformers & Distribution Panels	1	Allow.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
9	Primary Electrical Service Line (U.G.)	1	Allow.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
10	Site Electrical - Area Lighting	10	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
11	Secondary Site Electrical	2,000	LF	\$ 40.00	\$ 80,000.00
12	Water Main Lines - 6" DR 18 PVC	600	LF	\$ 25.00	\$ 15,000.00
13	Water Lines -Domestic - 2" Sch 40 PVC	400	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 6,000.00
14	Sanitary Sewer Forcemain - 2" - 3"	600	Lf	\$ 15.00	\$ 9,000.00
15	Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump Stations	1	EA	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
16	Restroom & Concession Building	800	SF	\$ 180.00	\$ 144,000.00
17	Existing Picnic Pavilion Repairs	1	Allow.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
18	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	2,600	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 78,000.00
19	Playground	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
20	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	15	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
21	Turf Establishment	5	AC	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
22	Entry Signage and Plantings	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
23	Directional Signage	1	Allow.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 1,492,500.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 223,875.00
Subtotal					\$ 1,716,375.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 257,456.25
Total Construction Budget					\$ 1,973,831.25

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Runge Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24)	1	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
2	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	5	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
3	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	2,500	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 75,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 90,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 13,500.00
Subtotal					\$ 103,500.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 15,525.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 119,025.00

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Ft. Travis

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24)	3	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 84,000.00
2	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	10	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
3	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	2,600	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 78,000.00
4	Playground	1	EA	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
5	Festival Improvements - Misc.	1	Allow.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
6	Birdwatching - Interpretative Signs	1	Allow.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
7	Bird Watching Overlook	400	SF	\$ 50.00	\$ 20,000.00
8	Primitive Camping Improvements	1	Allow.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
9	RV Sites	25	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
10	Cabana Rehab	1	Allow.	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 800,000.00
11	Roads - 6" Concrete x 24 ft Wide	2,500	LF	\$ 200.00	\$ 500,000.00
12	Parking - Misc. Locations	100	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 150,000.00
13	Transformers & Distribution Panels	2	Allow.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
14	Primary Electrical Service Line (U.G.)	2	Allow.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
15	Site Electrical - Area Lighting	20	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
16	Secondary Site Electrical	3,500	LF	\$ 80.00	\$ 280,000.00
17	Water Main Lines - 6" DR 18 PVC	500	LF	\$ 25.00	\$ 12,500.00
18	Water Lines -Domestic - 2" Sch 40 PVC	1,500	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 22,500.00
19	Sanitary Sewer Forcemain - 2" - 3"	800	Lf	\$ 15.00	\$ 12,000.00
20	Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump Stations	2	EA	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
21	Restroom & Office Building	800	SF	\$ 180.00	\$ 144,000.00
22	Restroom Building	400	SF	\$ 200.00	\$ 80,000.00
23	Maintenance Building	800	SF	\$ 125.00	\$ 100,000.00
24	Turf Establishment	5	AC	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
25	Entry Signage and Plantings	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
26	Directional Signage	1	Allow.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
27	Wetlands Enhancements	1	Allow.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 4,126,500.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 618,975.00
Subtotal					\$ 4,745,475.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 711,821.25
Total Construction Budget					\$ 5,457,296.25

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Washington Park and 61st Street Boat Ramp

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	61 St. Boat Ramp	1	EA	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00
2	Washington Park	1	EA	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 2,900,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 435,000.00
Subtotal					\$ 3,335,000.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 500,250.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 3,835,250.00

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Bolivar Beach Parks

Recommended Project Budget (Per individual park site)

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24) (Elevated)	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
2	Restroom Building (Elevated)	400	SF	\$ 300.00	\$ 120,000.00
3	Vegetation Establishm't (park site only)	1	AC	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
4	Entry Signage and Plantings	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5	Directional Signage	1	Allow.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
6	Wetlands Enhancements	1	Allow.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 246,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 36,900.00
Subtotal					\$ 282,900.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 42,435.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 325,335.00

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Rollover Pass

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24) (Elevated)	3	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
2	8 Ft. Multipurpose Boardwalks & Trail	2,500	LF	\$ 60.00	\$ 150,000.00
3	Gulf Side Fish Pier (Like Bob Hall Pier)	1	LS	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00
4	ICW Fish Pier	1	LS	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
5	Restroom Building # 2 (Elevated)	400	SF	\$ 300.00	\$ 120,000.00
6	RV Sites	25	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
7	Parking - Misc. Locations	200	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300,000.00
8	Transformers & Distribution Panels	2	Allow.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
9	Primary Electrical Service Line (U.G.)	2	Allow.	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
10	Site Electrical - Area Lighting	20	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
11	Secondary Site Electrical	2,500	LF	\$ 80.00	\$ 200,000.00
12	Water Main Lines - 6" DR 18 PVC	500	LF	\$ 25.00	\$ 12,500.00
13	Water Lines -Domestic - 2" Sch 40 PVC	500	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 10,000.00
14	Sanitary Sewer Forcemain - 2" - 3"	500	Lf	\$ 20.00	\$ 10,000.00
15	Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump Stations	2	EA	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
16	Entry Signage and Plantings	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
17	Directional Signage	1	Allow.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
18	Vegetation Establishm't (park site only)	2	AC	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 9,045,500.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 1,356,825.00
Subtotal					\$ 10,402,325.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 1,560,348.75
Total Construction Budget					\$ 11,962,673.75

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Central Beach District

(RE: Bolivar Blueprint, 2010)

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24) (Elevated)	3	LS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
2	8 Ft. Multipurpose Boardwalks & Trail	2,500	LF	\$ 60.00	\$ 150,000.00
3	Restroom Building (Elevated)	800	SF	\$ 300.00	\$ 240,000.00
4	Festival Improvements - Misc.	1	Allow.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
5	Parking - Misc. Locations	200	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300,000.00
6	Transformers & Distribution Panels	2	Allow.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
7	Primary Electrical Service Line (U.G.)	2	Allow.	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
8	Site Electrical - Area Lighting	10	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
9	Secondary Site Electrical	1,000	LF	\$ 80.00	\$ 80,000.00
10	Water Main Lines - 6" DR 18 PVC	500	LF	\$ 25.00	\$ 12,500.00
11	Water Lines -Domestic - 2" Sch 40 PVC	500	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 10,000.00
12	Sanitary Sewer Forcemain - 2" - 3"	500	Lf	\$ 20.00	\$ 10,000.00
13	Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump Stations	2	EA	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
14	Entry Signage and Plantings	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
15	Directional Signage	1	Allow.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
16	Vegetation Establishm't (park site only)	2	AC	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 1,770,500.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 265,575.00
Subtotal					\$ 2,036,075.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 305,411.25
Total Construction Budget					\$ 2,341,486.25

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Port Bolivar Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Shelters With Tables	4	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2	Play Ground	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
3	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft. Wide x 5" Th)	2,000	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 60,000.00
4	Practice Field Improvements	1	Allow.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 135,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 20,250.00
Subtotal					\$ 155,250.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 23,287.50
Total Construction Budget					\$ 178,537.50

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

West Galveston Island Nature Parks

Recommended Project Budget (Per individual park site)

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24) (Elevated)	1	LS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
2	Paddle Trail Improvements	1	LS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
3	Vegetation Establishm't (park site only)	1	AC	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
4	Entry Signage and Plantings	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5	Directional Signage	1	Allow.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
6	Wetlands Enhancements	1	Allow.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
7	Boardwalk and Observation Deck (2)	700	SF	\$ 60.00	\$ 42,000.00
8	Birdwatching - Interpretative Signs	1	Allow.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 203,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 30,450.00
Subtotal					\$ 233,450.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 35,017.50
Total Construction Budget					\$ 268,467.50

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Port Bolivar CIAP Project

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Restroom Building (Elevated)	800	SF	\$ 300.00	\$ 240,000.00
2	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24) (Elevated)	2	LS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
3	Fishing Access Improvements	1	Allow.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
4	Picnic Shelters With Tables	8	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
5	Parking for 50 Vehicles	2,222	SY	\$ 25.00	\$ 55,550.00
6	Lighting - Solar Powered	10	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
7	Signage	1	Allow.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 470,550.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 70,582.50
Subtotal					\$ 541,132.50
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 81,169.88
Total Construction Budget					\$ 622,302.38

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

New Bacliff + San Leon Community Center

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Parking - 6" Concrete	100	Space	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 150,000.00
2	Community Center Building	15,000	SF	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,875,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 2,025,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 303,750.00
Subtotal					\$ 2,328,750.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 349,312.50
Total Construction Budget					\$ 2,678,062.50

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Bolivar Peninsula Trails

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Multi Purpose Trails	32,000	LF	\$ 48.00	\$ 1,536,000.00
2	Horseshoe Marsh Trail and Boardwalk	5,280	LF	\$ 60.00	\$ 316,800.00
3	Birdwatching Blinds and Decks	3,000	SF	\$ 60.00	\$ 180,000.00
4	Trail Heads w/ Signage	6	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 2,122,800.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 318,420.00
Subtotal					\$ 2,441,220.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 366,183.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 2,807,403.00

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Jack Brooks Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Pond @ Highlands - Clean Out and Upgrade	10,000	CY	\$ 6.00	\$ 60,000.00
2	Fishing Pier at Highlands Pond	800	SF	\$ 30.00	\$ 24,000.00
3	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	10,560	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 316,800.00
4	Picnic Pav. (24 x 24) @ Archery Area	1	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
5	Picnic Pav. (24 x 24) @ Vetrans Park	1	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
6	Picnic Shelter and Conc. Slab	15	EA	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 52,500.00
7	Dog Park - Fence, Water, Shade	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
8	Lighted & Irrigated Adult Soccer Fields	2	EA	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
9	Restroom Building (one)	400	SF	\$ 200.00	\$ 80,000.00
10	Bird Watching Overlook	400	SF	\$ 50.00	\$ 20,000.00
11	Interpretative Signage	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 784,300.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 117,645.00
Subtotal					\$ 901,945.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 135,291.75
Total Construction Budget					\$ 1,037,236.75

Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

Carbide Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24)	2	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
2	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	15	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
3	Seniors Fit Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	300	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 9,000.00
4	Cover BB Court - Metal Bldg System	7,500	SF	\$ 20.00	\$ 150,000.00
5	Football Field Irrigations + Impvmts	60,000	SF	\$ 0.50	\$ 30,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 234,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 35,100.00
Subtotal					\$ 269,100.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 40,365.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 309,465.00

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Noble Carl Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	5	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
2	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	1,500	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 45,000.00
3	Playground	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 110,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 16,500.00
Subtotal					\$ 126,500.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 18,975.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 145,475.00

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Gregory Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24)	1	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
2	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	5	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
3	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	1,500	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 45,000.00
4	Little League Ball Field Impvmts	1	EA	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
5	Restroom Building (Elevated)	400	SF	\$ 300.00	\$ 120,000.00
6	Playground	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 430,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 64,500.00
Subtotal					\$ 494,500.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 74,175.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 568,675.00

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Walter Hall Park

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Paddling Trail	1	Allow.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2	Boardwalk and Observation Deck (2)	700	SF	\$ 60.00	\$ 42,000.00
3	Festival Improvements - Misc.	1	Allow.	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
4	Birdwatching - Interpretative Signs	1	Allow.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
5	Amphitheater**	1	Allow.	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00
6	Village Fair Stage w/ Cover	1	Allow.	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
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8	** Amphitheater to include seating				
9	for 250 to 300 with restrooms, dressing				
10	areas and concession, structural				
11	support for lighting and sound with				
12	electrical service for lighting and sound				
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Construction Budget					\$ 2,007,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 301,050.00
Subtotal					\$ 2,308,050.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 346,207.50
Total Construction Budget					\$ 2,654,257.50

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Holbrook Park - Phase 2

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Picnic Pavilion (24 x 24)	1	EA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
2	Picnic Table / Shelter and Conc. Slab	5	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
3	Multipurpose Trail (8 Ft Wide x 5" Th.)	3,000	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 90,000.00
4	Pedestrian Bridge to Link Both Sides	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
5	Playground	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
6	Birdwatching - Interpretative Signs	1	Allow.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
7	Bird Watching Overlook	400	SF	\$ 50.00	\$ 20,000.00
8	Renovate Restroom Building	400	SF	\$ 200.00	\$ 80,000.00
9	Improvements to Exist Softball Fields	1	Allow.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 520,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 78,000.00
Subtotal					\$ 598,000.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 89,700.00
Total Construction Budget					\$ 687,700.00

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Hopkins Park - Phase 2

Recommended Project Budget

1/12/2012

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit \$\$	Total \$\$
1	Birdwatching - Interpretative Signs	1	Allow.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
2	Bird Watching Overlook	400	SF	\$ 50.00	\$ 20,000.00
3	Replace Decking at Existing Overlook	1	Allow.	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
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Construction Budget					\$ 75,000.00
Contingency @ 15%					\$ 11,250.00
Subtotal					\$ 86,250.00
Design, Engineering, Surveying, Testing @15%					\$ 12,937.50
Total Construction Budget					\$ 99,187.50

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County Parks Visited Most Often

Rank	Phone Survey			Web Survey			Rank
			Phone Response Rate %			Web Response Rate %	
1	Walter Hall Park		32.2	Beach on Bolivar		41.6	1
2	Jack Brooks Park		26.6	Bayshore Park		29.0	2
3	Beach Pocket Parks		18.3	Walter Hall Park		26.1	3
4	Carbide Park		14.5	Ft. Travis Park		25.1	4
5	Runge Park		8.0	Jack Brooks Park		21.5	5
6	Hopkins Park		6.2	Gregory Park		18.2	6
7	Beach on Bolivar		4.8	Beach Pocket Parks		16.2	7
7	Bayshore Park		4.8	Carbide Park		12.2	8
8	Elva Lobit Park		3.1	Runge Park		5.2	9
9	Fort Travis Park		1.4	Hopkins Park		5.2	9
10	Gregory Park		0.0	Noble Carl Park		4.6	10
10	Noble Carl Park		0.0	Elva Lobit Park		3.3	11
10	Holbrook Park		0.0	Holbrook Park		1.7	12

Comments:

The ranking of "Parks Most Visited" varies greatly between the two survey methods. The web based survey is strongly slanted to coastal parks, the opposite of the telephone survey. This orientation of the web survey results is attributable to the efforts of the "Bolivar Blueprint" and PENDECO organizations, who actively participated in community meetings on the Peninsula. A key distinction of the web survey

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vs the phone survey is that traditional “land line” telephone service on the peninsula is still disrupted and most residents rely on cell phone service, which does not lend itself to the conduct of telephone surveys.

Similarly, the residents of Bacliff and San Leon (BSL) were very active and vocal at the public meeting held at the County Annex building. These residents are organized and highly motivated. Given the high level of interest and participation of the BSL residents, it is not surprising that improvements to Bayshore Park, or an entirely new park in the area, ranked number 2 on the web survey.

Because it is statistically valid, if we only consider the telephone survey, we see that Walter Hall and Jack Brooks Parks together are more highly visited than all other county parks put together, with a combined visitation rate of 58.8%. The Beach Pocket Parks and the Beach on the Bolivar Peninsula are not actually operated as County Parks. The County maintains some control and policing of beaches at Bolivar, but the beaches are not operated as “a park” in the same sense that Walter Hall and Jack Brooks Parks are operated. Also, the Beach Pocket Parks on Galveston Island are now operated by the Galveston Beach and Parks Board under an interlocal agreement with Galveston County and are not part of the County’s park inventory from an operational perspective. When the beaches on Bolivar and the Beach Pocket Parks are excluded, Carbide, Hopkins, Bayshore, Lobit and Ft. Travis Parks collectively account for 38% of the park visitors. This leaves Gregory, Noble Carl and Holbrook Parks with 3.2% of the visitors.

Both Gregory Park and Noble Carl Park are located on the Bolivar Peninsula and have somewhat been used as special use parks, unlike Walter Hall and Jack Brooks, which have a variety of facilities and attract wide variety of users. Both Gregory and Noble Carl Parks are being “repurposed” as part of Hurricane Ike recovery efforts.

This leaves Holbrook Park, which received the lowest visitation rates on both the phone Survey and the web survey. Currently Holbrook is being operated as a girls’ softball facility, with no other amenities. This essentially means that Holbrook is a special use park and is not being used or operated in the same manner as the flagship parks, Walter Hall and Jack Brooks.

An additional note: We had no responses for Galveston Island State Park as a destination. This is likely due to its closure after Hurricane Ike. Further investigation of partnering opportunities with TPWD for activities and programs at the State Park should be investigated.

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Recreation Priorities - Children

Rank	Phone Survey			Web Survey		
			Phone Response Rate %			Web Response Rate %
1	County Fair**		51.5	Fishing - Saltwater**		48.9
2	Bicycle Riding**		47.5	Canoeing / Kayaking*		45.6
3	Fishing - Saltwater**		42.4	Walking / Jogging**		36.7
4	Walking / Jogging**		36.4	Bicycle Riding**		36.7
5	Baseball**		35.4	Baseball**		32.2
5	Go To Dog Park		35.4	County Fair**		32.2
5	Horseback Riding		35.4	Soccer*		30.0
6	Fishing - Freshwater*		34.3	Basketball*		30.0
7	Camping*		33.3	Sand Volleyball		28.9
8	Soccer*		32.3	Hiking*		28.9
9	Canoeing / Kayaking*		31.3	Camping*		27.8
9	Hiking*		31.3	Nature Study		26.7
10	Basketball*		29.3	Fishing - Freshwater*		25.6
11	Nature Study		26.3	Go To Dog Park		25.6
12	Skate Boarding		25.3	Horseback Riding		20.0
13	After School Program		24.2	Bird Watching		18.8
13	Roller Blading		24.2	Skate Boarding		18.8
14	Softball		23.2	Softball		17.8

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15	Sand Volleyball			22.6	Tennis		14.4
16	Tennis			19.2	Disc Golf (Frisbee)		12.2
17	Disc Golf (Frisbee)			15.2	Roller Blading		8.9
18	Bird Watching			11.1	After School Program		N/A

**** Indicates that this item is in the top 5 preferences for both phone and web surveys**

*** Indicates that this item is in the top 10 preferences for both phone and web surveys**

Comments:

Unlike the results for the “Parks Most Frequently Visited” category, the recreation priorities for children identified in the phone survey and web survey are remarkably similar. Both surveys have the same activities in the top five rankings. When “County Fair” is excluded (because it is a “given”), both surveys share the same top ten rankings.

While traditional recreation activities such as baseball (#5) are well represented in the surveys, the top four recreation preferences in both surveys are related to activities that do not involve competitive athletics, can be enjoyed individually and involve the enjoyment of nature and outdoors.

The other two athletic activities that occur in the top ten activities in both surveys are soccer and basketball. While it is relatively easy and inexpensive to provide outdoor basketball facilities, soccer fields require a great deal of room and expenditures for site development to construct game and practice fields. Therefore, it is imperative that population and growth trends be compared to existing and proposed municipal and school facilities in avoid duplication of expenditures and facilities.

Out of eighteen facility categories, over one-half are directly related to the enjoyment of natural resources and the outdoors in general. This is a significant trend because it links directly to the desire for economic development in the county based on natural resources – “ecotourism”.

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Recreation Priorities - Adults

Rank	Phone Survey			Web Survey		
			Phone Response Rate %			Web Response Rate %
1	Walking or Jogging		53.1	Walking or Jogging		63.5
2	Saltwater Fishing		40.6	Saltwater Fishing		51.5
3	County Fair		38.1	Bird Watching		38.2
4	Bicycle Riding		33.0	Canoeing / Kayaking		36.2
5	Freshwater Fishing		29.7	Hiking		35.6
6	Hiking		27.2	County Fair		32.9
7	Go to Dog Park		25.3	Bicycle Riding		32.6
8	Camping		25.1	Nature Study		31.5
9	Bird Watching		23.2	Go to Dog Park		29.7
10	Canoeing /Kayaking		20.4	Freshwater Fishing		21.5
11	Nature Study		18.5	Camping		25.6
12	Tennis		14.7	Freshwater Fishing		21.5
12	Disc Golf / Frisbee		14.7	Softball		13.5
13	Horseback Riding		13.9	Sand Volleyball		12.9
14	Baseball		13.1	Horseback Riding		12.9

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15	Sand Volleyball			12.5	Disc Golf / Frisbee		12.1
16	Basketball			11.2	Tennis		12.1
17	Softball			10.1	Baseball		7.1
18	Soccer			8.7	Soccer		5.3
19	Roller Blading			4.9	Roller Blading		4.7
19	Skate Boarding			4.9	Skate Boarding		2.4

*** Indicates that this item is in the top 10 preferences for both phone and web surveys**

Like the results for the recreation priorities for children identified in the phone survey and web survey are remarkably similar. The top two activities for both phone and web surveys are Walking or Jogging (#1) and Saltwater Fishing (#2).

When “County Fair” is excluded (because it is a “given”), both surveys share the same top ten rankings.

The priority activities generally involve simply being outdoors, and may be enjoyed individually, or in groups. No league or organized athletic activities are ranked in the top ten preferences.

Camping, which ranked in the top ten preferences for both adults and children is not an activity that the County supports at this time with designated facilities. Since camping can relate directly to some of the other priority activities, the County may wish to pursue this activity in select park locations, or in partnership with other public or private entities.



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2010 Survey of Galveston County Residents

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Executive Summary

This report documents results from the 2010 Galveston County Residents Survey (the Survey) that Decision Information Resources, Inc. (DIR) conducted under contract with Halff and Associates for the Galveston County Parks and Recreation and Senior Services (the County). The purpose of the Survey was to assess residents' level of familiarity and usage of County facilities as part of a new Master Park Plan. The report provides both an overview of the Survey results and the detailed results for each area included in the survey.

DIR used computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) and Web-based interviewing to conduct the Survey. DIR administered the questionnaire to 367 randomly selected residents by using CATI technology between August 16, 2010, and September 30, 2010. An additional 346 respondents completed the Web-based version of the survey between August 16, 2010, and September 30, 2010.

For this survey, respondents were identified as Galveston County residents in one of 17 cities or communities. The report presents telephone (phone) and Web responses in aggregate with some categories distributed across the cities or communities of Galveston County. Table i itemizes the percentage of surveys that were completed in each city or community and the method by which respondents completed the Survey. The majority of the telephone respondents live in League City (25%), and the majority of Web respondents live on Bolivar Peninsula (35%).

Table i. Percentage of Surveys Completed by City or Community

City or Community	% by Phone (n = 367)	% by Web (n = 346)	% Combined (n = 713)
City of Galveston	13.4	7.2	10.4
Texas City	12.3	3.5	11.1
League City	25.1	9.9	14.6
Dickinson	13.4	4.3	9.0
Friendswood	15.8	2.3	9.3
La Marque	5.2	2.0	3.7
Hitchcock	3.0	0.3	1.7
Santa Fe	6.0	5.8	5.9
Kemah	0.8	0.9	0.8
Clear Lake Shores	0.5	0.0	0.3
Bacliff	1.6	9.0	5.2
San Leon	1.6	14.2	7.7
High Island	0.8	2.3	1.1
Bolivar Peninsula	0.0	34.5	16.7
Bayou Vista	0.0	0.3	0.1
Jamaica Beach	0.0	0.3	0.1
Tiki Island	0.0	0.3	0.4
Other	0.5	3.2	1.8
Total Completes	100%	100%	100%

The phone portion of the survey was conducted with randomly selected residents; Table ii shows residents' demographics. A link was available on the Parks Department's website for any

resident to complete the Survey via Web. Potential Web respondents were also notified about the survey through newsletters and the County’s phone system announcement.

Table ii. Demographics of Respondents

Gender	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Male	36.8	46.9	41.8
Female	63.2	53.1	58.2
Ethnic Background			
Anglo	76.5	87.5	82.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.7	0.0	0.3
Hispanic, Latino, other Spanish ancestry	9.4	4.4	6.8
Black/African American	8.8	0.9	4.8
Other	4.6	3.4	4.0
DK/No Response	0.0	3.7	2.0
Household Income			
Under \$25,000	10.0	5.0	7.5
From \$25,000 to \$34,999	6.8	5.7	6.2
From \$35,000 to \$44,999	9.1	7.9	8.5
From \$45,000 to \$59,999	8.4	9.7	9.1
From \$60,000 to \$74,999	10.0	9.7	9.9
From \$75,000 to \$99,999	10.0	13.8	12.0
From \$100,00 to \$124,000	5.8	12.9	9.4
More than \$125,000	14.2	21.4	17.9
DK/No Response/Refused	25.6	13.8	19.6

The Survey results were analyzed on the basis of the mode by which they completed the Survey—phone or Web.

Notable Results

The notable results from the survey indicate areas in which awareness about County programs and services should be raised.

County Facility Visits and Usage

The following highlights summarize responses from residents to a series of questions regarding park and boat ramp usage:

- Web respondents are more likely than phone respondents to visit Galveston County Parks often.
- Phone respondents were more than three times as likely to report that they never visit a Galveston County park.
- The top choice for park visits for phone respondents was Walter Hall Park (25%). Web respondents overwhelmingly selected the Beach on Bolivar Peninsula (36%), then Bayshore Park (25%).

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- Nearly 39% of telephone respondents and 45% of Web respondents reported that they use a County-owned boat ramp weekly or monthly.
 - Nearly 40% of phone respondents and 30% of Web respondents visit a boat ramp only once or twice a year.
 - Telephone respondents visit the Dickinson Bayou (22%), and Web respondents visit the Bayshore (17%) boat ramp most often.

Recreation Activity Patterns

The following recreation activity patterns were noted:

- More than 32% of phone respondents' children and 57% of Web respondents' children have participated in a recreational activity, program, or event in a County-owned facility in the past 12 months.
- More than 21% of adult telephone respondents and 60% of adult Web respondents stated that they have participated in a recreational activity, program, or event at a County-owned facility in the past 12 months.
- Adult telephone respondents (53%) and adult Web respondents (62%) would like to participate in walking or jogging.

Opinions about Galveston County Parks

The following highlights summarize opinions of respondents about aspects of County facilities:

- For the overall condition of County parks, phone respondents in Friendswood reported the highest satisfaction rating (76%), while Tiki Island reported the highest dissatisfaction rating (33%) among the County's cities and communities.
- Phone respondents reported nearly 9% dissatisfaction compared to slightly more than 28% of Web respondents—a difference of 19 percentage points.
- Respondents indicated a definite need or somewhat of a need for walking-jogging trails (phone respondents, 83%) and fishing pier-lighted saltwater (Web respondents, 82%).
- Web respondents were usually twice as likely as phone respondents to support recreational facilities through user fees.
- Phone respondents (34%) were more likely not to be interested in using hiking and bicycling trails and routes.
- Both phone and Web respondents (96% and 94%, respectively) overwhelmingly believe that it is important to protect and preserve natural areas and wildlife habitats in Galveston County.
- Both phone and Web respondents overwhelmingly stated that they would support additional spending and funding for parks and recreation in the County((73% and 83%, respectively).
- Phone respondents (76%) feel safer in Galveston County parks than Web respondents (60%).
- Phone and Web respondents (37% and 67%, respectively) get their information about County facility activities from local newspapers.

Future Considerations

One of the primary goals of the survey was to collect data from a statistically significant, random sample of Galveston County residents whose demographics were representative of the demographics of Galveston County residents as a whole. If a similar study is conducted in the future, we suggest that to make it highly representative, it will be beneficial to publicize the survey throughout the County by using a variety of media outlets, such as television, radio, newspaper advertisements, public service announcements, and advance notifications through the mail and the Internet. In addition to raising awareness about the survey, publicizing the survey throughout the data-collection period may increase the number of respondents who complete the survey.

Similarly, using multiple modes of data collection, such as phone, Web, mail, and fax should increase the number of residents who complete the survey and may decrease the existing demographic disparity and the disparity between the phone and Web responses. Including mail and fax options in future surveys will provide opportunities for residents without landlines or without Internet access to complete the survey.

If a similar survey is conducted in the future, the existing survey instrument should be revised to incorporate suggestions received throughout data collection. Future surveys should also provide an opportunity for respondents to make open-ended comments and suggestions. It will be useful if the data from future surveys is analyzed according to additional demographics besides residents' city and community. Finally, the response rate of similar future surveys may be increased if the County addresses the concerns raised in this survey and if it implements positive changes in the areas identified as areas of concern and in the facilities with limited use. Residents will likely be more inclined to complete the survey if they believe that their feedback will make an impact.

Introduction

This report documents results from the 2010 Galveston County Residents Survey (the Survey) that Decision Information Resources, Inc. (DIR) conducted under contract with Halff and Associates for the Galveston County Parks and Recreation and Senior Services (the County). The purpose of the Survey was to assess residents' level of familiarity and usage of County facilities. The report provides both an overview of the Survey results and the detailed results for each area included in the survey.

DIR used computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) and Web-based interviewing to conduct the Survey. DIR administered the questionnaire to 367 randomly selected residents by using CATI technology between August 13, 2010, and September 19, 2010. An additional 346 respondents completed the Web-based version of the survey between August 13, 2010 and September 31, 2010.

The survey results were analyzed on the basis of the city or community in which respondents reside and the mode by which they completed the survey—telephone (phone) or Web.

Notable Results

The County may want to consider implementing a public relations campaign to raise awareness in the areas about which residents know the least.

The report provides an overview of the Survey results and the detailed results for each area included in the survey. The appendixes contain the methods used to administer the phone and Web surveys, the Survey instrument.

The following highlights summarize responses from residents to a series of questions regarding park and boat ramp usage:

- Web respondents are more likely than phone respondents to visit Galveston County Parks often.
- Phone respondents were more than three times as likely to report that they never visit a Galveston County park.
- The top choice for park visits for phone respondents was Walter Hall Park (25%). Web respondents overwhelmingly selected the Beach on Bolivar Peninsula (36%), then Bayshore Park (25%).
- Nearly 39% of telephone respondents and 45% of Web respondents reported that they use a County-owned boat ramp weekly or monthly.
- Nearly 40% of phone respondents and 30% of Web respondents visit a boat ramp only once or twice a year.
- Telephone respondents visit the Dickinson Bayou (22%), and Web respondents visit the Bayshore (17%) boat ramp most often.

Recreation Activity Patterns

The following recreation activity patterns were noted:

- More than 32% of phone respondents' children and 57% of Web respondents' children have participated in a recreational activity, program, or event in a County-owned facility in the past 12 months.
- More than 21% of adult telephone respondents and 60% of adult Web respondents stated that they have participated in a recreational activity, program, or event at a County-owned facility in the past 12 months.
- Adult telephone respondents (53%) and adult Web respondents (62%) would like to participate in walking or jogging.

Opinions about Galveston County Parks

The following highlights summarize opinions of respondents about aspects of County facilities:

- For the overall condition of County parks, phone respondents in Friendswood reported the highest satisfaction rating (76%), while Tiki Island reported the highest dissatisfaction rating (33%) among the County's cities and communities.
- Phone respondents reported nearly 9% dissatisfaction compared to slightly more than 28% of Web respondents—a difference of 19 percentage points.
- Respondents indicated a definite need or somewhat of a need for walking-jogging trails (phone respondents, 83%) and fishing pier-lighted saltwater (Web respondents, 82%).
- Web respondents were usually twice as likely as phone respondents to support recreational facilities through user fees.
- Phone respondents (34%) were more likely not to be interested in using hiking and bicycling trails and routes.
- Both phone and Web respondents (96% and 94%, respectively) overwhelmingly believe that it is important to protect and preserve natural areas and wildlife habitats in Galveston County.
- Both phone and Web respondents overwhelmingly stated that they would support additional spending and for parks and recreation in the County (73% and 83%, respectively).
- Phone respondents (76%) feel safer in Galveston County parks than Web respondents (60%).
- Phone and Web respondents (37% and 67%, respectively) get their information about County facility activities from local newspapers.

Overview of Survey Results

For this survey, were identified as Galveston County residents in one of 17 cities or communities. Table 1 itemizes the percentage of surveys that were completed in each city or community and the method by which respondents completed the Survey.

Table 1. Percentage of Surveys Completed by City or Community

City or Community	% by Phone (n = 367)	% by Web (n = 346)	% Combined (n = 713)
City of Galveston	13.4	7.2	10.4
Texas City	12.3	3.5	11.1
League City	25.1	9.9	14.6
Dickinson	13.4	4.3	9.0
Friendswood	15.8	2.3	9.3
La Marque	5.2	2.0	3.7
Hitchcock	3.0	0.3	1.7
Santa Fe	6.0	5.8	5.9
Kemah	0.8	0.9	0.8
Clear Lake Shores	0.5	0.0	0.3
Bacliff	1.6	9.0	5.2
San Leon	1.6	14.2	7.7
High Island	0.8	2.3	1.1
Bolivar Peninsula	0.0	34.5	16.7
Bayou Vista	0.0	0.3	0.1
Jamaica Beach	0.0	0.3	0.1
Tiki Island	0.0	0.3	0.4
Other	0.5	3.2	1.8
Total Completes	100%	100%	100%

Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

The phone portion of the survey was conducted with randomly selected residents. The report presents phone and Web responses in aggregate with some categories distributed across the 17 cities or communities of Galveston County. A link was available on the Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services website for any resident to complete the survey via the Web. Other Web respondents were notified about the survey through newsletters and the County's phone system announcement.

As illustrated by Table 2, more than 60% of phone survey respondents are female, compared to 53% of Web respondents. Nearly 90% of Web respondents and just over 75% of phone residents are Anglo. These percentages are similar to U.S. Census Quick Facts Data for Galveston County, which indicate that Galveston County is 82% Anglo.

Table 2. Demographics of Respondents

Gender	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Male	36.8	46.9	41.8
Female	63.2	53.1	58.2
Ethnic Background			
Anglo	76.5	87.5	82.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.7	0.0	0.3
Hispanic, Latino, other Spanish ancestry	9.4	4.4	6.8
Black/African American	8.8	0.9	4.8
Other	4.6	3.4	4.0
DK/No Response	0.0	3.7	2.0
Household Income			
Under \$25,000	10.0	5.0	7.5
From \$25,000 to \$34,999	6.8	5.7	6.2
From \$35,000 to \$44,999	9.1	7.9	8.5
From \$45,000 to \$59,999	8.4	9.7	9.1
From \$60,000 to \$74,999	10.0	9.7	9.9
From \$75,000 to \$99,999	10.0	13.8	12.0
From \$100,00 to \$124,000	5.8	12.9	9.4
More than \$125,000	14.2	21.4	17.9
DK/No Response/Refused	25.6	13.8	19.6

As displayed in Figure 1, more than 50% of telephone respondents have lived in Galveston County for more than 20 years. Less than 40% of Web respondents reported living in Galveston for more than 20 years (see Figure 2).

Figure 1. Length of Time Residents Have Lived in Galveston County—Telephone

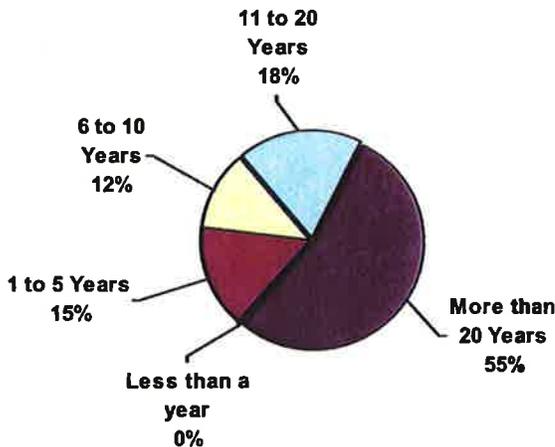
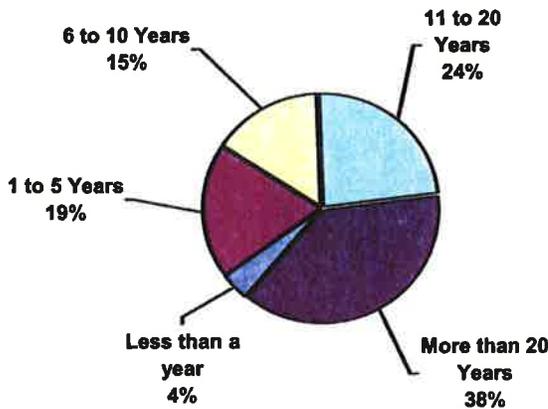


Figure 2. Length of Time Residents Have Lived in Galveston County—Web



County Facility Visits and Usage

The Galveston County Parks and Recreation and Senior Services Department wanted to learn about residents' park and boat ramp usage as part of their new Master Plan. This section shows results from questions regarding park and boat ramp usage.

Park Visits

Web respondents are more likely than phone respondents to visit Galveston County Parks. Fifty-two percent of Web respondents reported visiting a County park daily, weekly, or monthly compared to 27% of phone respondents (see Table 3). Phone respondents were more than three times as likely as Web respondents to report that they never visit a Galveston County park.

Table 3. Frequency of Respondents Visits to a Galveston County Park

Frequency	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
At least daily	2	4	3
At least weekly	9	19	14
At least monthly	16	29	22
At least once every 3 months	15	15	15
At least twice a year	19	13	16
About 1 time a year	16	9	13
Never	22	6	14
Don't know	1	6	4

Respondents were asked to list the three Galveston County parks that they visit most often. Table 4 lists the percentages of respondents that selected each park. The top choices for phone respondents were Walter Hall Park, Jack Brooks Park, and Beach Pocket Parks (25%, 21%, and

14%, respectively). Web respondents overwhelmingly selected the Beach on Bolivar Peninsula (36%), then Bayshore Park (25%), and finally, Walter Hall Park (23%).

Table 4. Parks Visited Most Often by Respondents

Parks Visited	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Jack Brooks Park	21	19	20
Walter Hall Park	25	23	24
Runge Park	6	5	6
Carbide Park	11	11	11
Hopkins Park	5	5	5
Holbrook Park	0	1	<1
Bayshore Park	4	25	14
Gregory Park	0	16	8
Noble Carl Park	0	4	2
Ft. Travis Park	1	22	11
Elva Lobit Park	3	3	3
Beach on Bolivar Peninsula	4	36	20
Beach Pocket Parks	14	14	14

Table 5 lists activities that respondents generally participate in when they visit a County park. Phone respondents selected picnic (29%), take kids to play (23%), and walk or run on trails (19%). Web respondents selected go to festivals or events (43%), view nature or wildlife (42%), and go to the beach to swim or play (41%) as their top activities.

Table 5. What Families Generally Do When They Visit a County Park

Activities	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Take kids to play	23	31	27
Picnic	29	20	24
Walk or run on trails	19	37	28
Go to festivals or events	14	43	28
Bicycle	4	7	5
View nature or wildlife	5	42	23
Fish	4	29	16
Participate in organized team sports	3	6	4
Play non-organized sports-like pickup games of football or basketball	4	3	3
Go boating (motorized)	<1	8	4
Canoe or kayak	<1	12	6
Go to beach to swim or play	7.6	41	24
Don't visit parks	<1	0	<1

Other activities that respondents like to do when they visit a County park include:

- Attend birthday parties
- Attend family outings or reunions
- Fly a kite
- Attend meetings
- Ride mountain bikes
- Run or walk dog
- Participate in senior citizens games
- Volunteer

Boat Ramp Usage

When respondents were asked if they use a County-owned boat ramp, 39% of telephone respondents and 45% of Web respondents reported that they use a County-owned boat ramp weekly or monthly (Table 6). Nearly 40% of phone respondents and 30% of Web respondents visit a boat ramp only once or twice a year.

Table 6. Frequency of Respondents' Visits to a Galveston County Boat Ramp

Frequency	PHONE %	WEB %	COMBINED %
At least daily	0	0	0
At least weekly	11	16	15
At least monthly	28	29	29
At least once every 3 months	15	20	18
At least twice per year	19	21	20
About 1 time per year	20	9	13
Never	6	1	3
Don't know or N/A	2	4	3

As shown in Table 7, when asked which boat ramp they use most often, telephone respondents visit the Dickinson Bayou (22%) and Web respondents visit the Bayshore (17%) boat ramp most often. The other boat ramps that residents list are not in Galveston County.

Table 7. Boat Ramp Visited Most Often by Respondents

Boat Ramp Visited	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
61 st Street in Galveston	16	5	9
Walter Hall Park	12	7	9
Dickinson Bayou at Hwy 3	22	15	17
Bacliff	8	15	12
Ben Blackledge	0	0	0
Bayshore	4	17	12
Jones Bay	4	4	4
Lauderdale	0	1	<1
Pilsner	2	5	4
Other	22	13	16

Recreation Activity Patterns

This section presents results from respondents' recreation activities. Respondents were asked to name organized and non-organized activities, programs, and events in which the children and adults in their home participate. Both Web and phone respondents selected very few activities.

Children

Respondents were asked whether they have children younger than 18 years of age who live with them most of the time and whether those children have participated in a recreational activity, program, or event at a County-owned facility in the past 12 months. Approximately 27% of telephone respondents and 25% of Web respondents stated that they do have children younger than 18 years of age in the household. Of those with children of that age, 32% of phone respondents and 57% of Web respondents stated that their children have participated in a recreational activity, program, or event in a County-owned facility in the past 12 months.

When respondents were asked which organized and non-organized recreational activity, program, or event their children participate in, 2% of phone respondents indicated County fairs and baseball, while Web respondents indicated festivals (6%) and baseball (4%). Phone respondents indicated bicycle riding, disc Frisbee, hiking, and walking (1%) and Web respondents indicated walking-jogging (7%) and fishing-saltwater (6%).

Children also participated in the following organized or non-organized activities:

- Basketball
- Karate
- Camps
- T-ball
- Volleyball
- Jet ski

We asked respondents what the main reason is that their children did not participate in recreational activities, programs, or events. Phone respondents stated that they were not aware of activities at County facility (33%), and Web respondents said that they were not aware of activities at County facility (2%) and that they use other facilities (2%).

Also, children do not participate in activities at County-owned facilities for the following additional reasons:

- Can't afford it
- Children are too young
- Child does not want to
- Parks are not in the area

Table 8 shows which recreational activities, programs, or events that respondents' children would like to participate in at a County-owned facility. Phone respondents selected County fair (14%), bicycle riding (13%), baseball (10%), and horseback riding (10%). Web respondents selected after-school programs (13%), roller blading (12%), and bicycle riding (10%).

Table 8. Recreational Activities, Programs, or Events Children Would Like to Participate in at a County-Owned Facility

Activity	PHONE %	WEB %	COMBINED %
Baseball	10	8	9
Soccer	9	8	8
Softball	8	5	6
Basketball	8	8	8
Tennis	5	4	5
Horseback riding	10	5	7
Disc (Frisbee) golf	4	3	4
Bicycle riding	13	10	11
Hiking	8	8	8
Walking or jogging	10	10	10
After school program	7	13	10
Fishing-salt water	11	7	9
Fishing-fresh water	9	8	9
County fair	14	5	10
Skate boarding	7	5	6
Bird watching	3	2	3
Roller blading	7	12	9
Canoeing/kayaking	8	7	8
Camping	9	7	8
Nature viewing or study	7	8	7
Sand volleyball	6	7	6
Dog park	10	<1	5
Other			

Also, children would like to participate in the following recreational activities, programs, or events:

- Rock climbing
- Water park
- Golf
- Surfing
- Astronomy

Adults

Respondents were asked if they or other adults in the home have participated in a recreational activity, program, or event at a County-owned facility in the past 12 months. More than 21% of telephone respondents and 60% of Web respondents stated that they had.

Respondents were asked which organized and non-organized recreational activity, program, or events adults have participated in at a County-owned facility. Phone respondents participated in County fairs and livestock shows and festivals (5%). Web respondents participated in festivals (35%) and County fairs and livestock shows (17%). Phone respondents participate in the following non-organized activities: walking-jogging (4%) and fishing-saltwater (3%). Web respondents also selected walking-jogging (35%) and fishing-saltwater (28%), but at much higher percentages. This difference may be due to the fact that phone interviewers are selecting activities as the respondent mentions them without reading the list of activities, whereas Web respondents are selecting activities as they read through a list.

Adults also participated in the following organized and non-organized activities at a County-owned facility:

- Adult day program
- BBQ cook offs
- Circus
- Flying airplanes
- Senior events
- Track and field events
- Crabbing
- Adopt-a-Beach
- Picnicking
- Yoga
- Gardening
- Amtgard [a live-action fantasy role-playing and boffer combat game]

Respondents were asked for the main reason that adults in the household did not participate in recreational activities, programs, or events. Phone respondents stated that they do not have time (27%), and Web respondents said that they were not aware of County facility activities (11%).

Also, adults do not participate in activities at County-owned facilities for the following additional reasons:

- Felt unwelcome
- Hurricane Ike
- Crime
- Children too young
- Lack of information
- Too old
- No children
- Not wheelchair friendly

Adults were asked which recreational activities, programs, or events they would like to participate in at a County-owned facility. Walking-jogging received the highest percentages for both phone and Web respondents (53% and 62%, respectively) as shown in Table 9.

Table 9. Recreational Activities, Programs, or Events Adults Would Like to Participate in at a County-Owned Facility

Activities	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Baseball	13	7	10
Soccer	9	5	7
Softball	10	13	12
Basketball	11	10	11
Tennis	15	12	13
Horseback riding	14	13	13
Disc (Frisbee) golf	15	12	13
Bicycle riding	33	32	33
Hiking	27	35	31
Walking or jogging	53	62	58
Fishing-salt water	41	51	45
Fishing-fresh water	30	21	26
County fair	38	32	35
Skate boarding	5	2	4
Bird watching	23	38	30
Roller blading	5	5	5
Canoeing/kayaking	20	36	28
Camping	25	25	25
Nature viewing or study	19	31	25
Sand volleyball	13	13	13
Dog park	25	29	27
Other	5	7	5

Other recreational activities, programs, or events adults would like to participate in include:

- Flag football
- Games
- Karate
- Shooting range
- Swimming
- Crabbing
- Gardening
- Golf
- Golf carts on the beach
- Racquetball

Opinions about Galveston County Parks

The remainder of this report explores the opinions of both phone and Web respondents in the following areas:

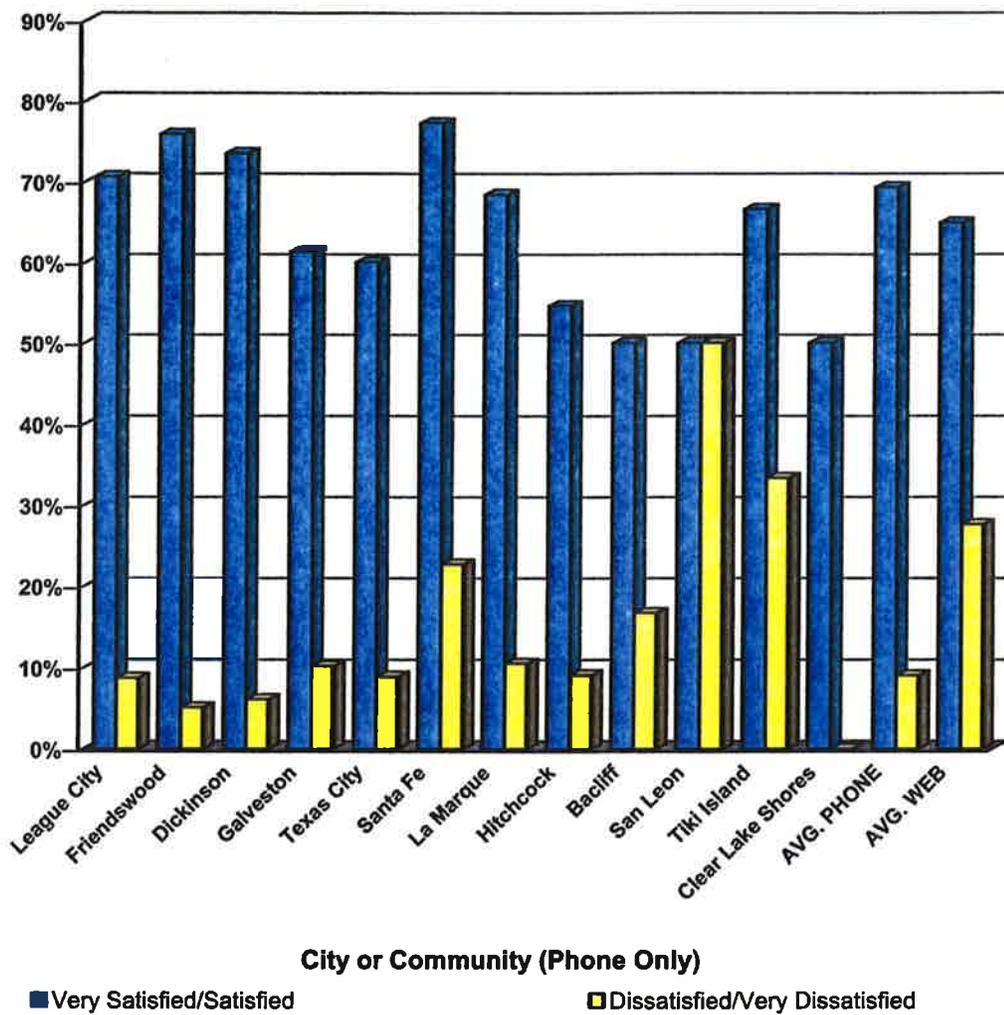
- Overall condition of Galveston County Parks
- Park and Recreation needs
- Park user fees
- Interest in using a system of hiking and bicycling trails and routes
- Natural resources and conservation
- Incentives to encourage developers and builders
- Additional spending for parks and recreation programs
- Overall safety of Galveston parks
- Sources of information that respondents use to get information about Galveston County parks

Each section provides figures and tables to illustrate respondents' opinions in these categories.

Overall Condition of Galveston County Parks

Figure 4 illustrates the satisfaction ratings for the overall condition of Galveston County Parks. Phone respondents were more satisfied with the condition of Galveston County facilities. At least 69% of phone respondents and 65% of Web respondents reported being very satisfied or satisfied with the overall condition of County facilities. Phone respondents in Friendswood reported the highest satisfaction rating (76%), while Tiki Island reported the highest dissatisfaction rating (33%) among the County's cities and communities. Web respondents were more than 19 percentage points more dissatisfied than phone respondents. Phone respondents reported nearly 9% dissatisfaction compared to slightly more than 28% of Web respondents.

Figure 3. Phone Respondents' Satisfaction with the Condition of Galveston County Parks, by City or Community



Note: Figure 3 includes only phone respondents of the City or Community. Totals do not include Not Familiar and Don't Know categories.

Also, respondents are not satisfied with the condition of Galveston County Parks for the following additional reasons:

- Need better equipment
- Need more activities
- More trails/better locations
- Make them handicap accessible
- Fix boat ramp and pier
- Better parking
- Better lighting
- Clean up

- Damage from Ike
- Need more walking trails

Parks and Recreation Needs

Respondents were asked to determine whether there was a definite need, somewhat a need, or not a need for a list of park and recreational facilities. As Table 10 shows, the activity that received the highest percentage of a definite need or somewhat of a need from phone respondents was walking-jogging trails (83%) and fishing pier, lighted, saltwater (82%) for Web respondents.

Table 10. Park and Recreation Facilities Needs as Determined by Respondents

Park and Recreational Facility	Definite Need			Somewhat of a Need		
	Phone	Web	Combined	Phone	Web	Combined
Playgrounds, play equipment	47	43	44	20	19	19
Picnic shelters, BBQ grills	47	49	48	24	28	26
Amphitheater, outdoor entertainment venue	39	32	35	27	24	25
Walking-jogging trails	56	49	52	17	22	19
Festival area	36	36	36	27	25	26
Bicycle trails, bikeways	53	44	49	17	21	17
Water park with slides and wave pool	37	26	32	21	16	18
Climbing facilities, climbing wall	16	13	15	21	14	18
Skate park	20	18	19	25	16	22
Horseback riding	23	12	18	26	16	21
Fishing pier, lighted, salt water	48	56	51	26	16	21
Fishing pier, not lighted, fresh water	36	21	39	28	19	24
Softball fields	31	26	29	22	21	21
Baseball fields	31	24	28	21	20	21
Soccer fields	28	22	25	21	21	21
Camping, camp grounds	37	34	36	25	23	24
Sand volleyball	23	19	21	26	23	25
Boat ramp	36	41	39	20	15	18
Canoe-kayak launch areas	32	39	35	26	19	22
Sail boarding beach	16	21	19	25	18	21
Sailing beaches—catamaran or Sun Fish	18	23	20	24	18	21
Lighted tennis court	34	19	27	21	22	22
Dog parks	39	31	36	17	17	18
Bird watching	30	37	33	26	23	24
Nature study	34	35	34	27	23	25
Beach with concessions	37	36	36	23	19	21
Riding, equestrian facilities	20	11	15	27	19	22
Gardening, horticulture	31	27	28	26	22	24

Park User Fees

Respondents were asked what recreation facilities they would support with user fees. As Table 11 illustrates, on most facilities, Web respondents were usually twice as likely to support recreational facilities through user fees. The facilities with the highest percentages for phone

respondents were lighted fishing piers (15%), camp grounds (14%), and nature center with boardwalks, bird watching, and wildlife habitat (13%). Web respondents selected outdoor music events (46%), lighted fishing piers (42%), beach concessions, and nature center with boardwalks, bird watching, and wildlife habitat (38%). Approximately 17% of phone respondents stated that they would support none of the recreational facilities through user fees.

Table 11. Recreation Facilities Respondents Would Support through User Fees

Facility	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Lighted baseball fields	9	18	13
Lighted softball fields	7	18	12
Lighted soccer fields	5	13	9
Lighted fishing pier	15	42	28
Outdoor music events	9	46	27
Water park	12	33	22
Camp grounds	14	37	25
Beach concessions	10	38	24
Nature center with boardwalks, bird watching, and wildlife habitat	13	38	25
None	17	8	13

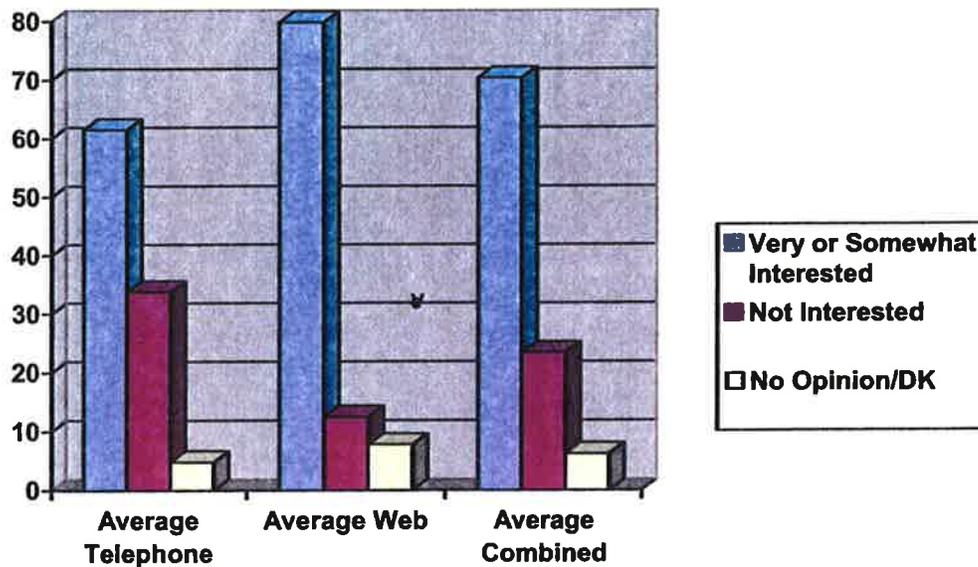
Respondents would support the following additional recreation facilities through user fees:

- Boat ramps
- Canoe rentals
- Equestrian
- Amphitheater
- Indoor swimming pool
- Biking and dog parks
- Lighted tennis courts
- Fairgrounds
- RV camping
- Museum
- Horseback riding

Interest in Using Hiking and Bicycling Trails and Routes

Respondents were asked if they would be interested in using a system of hiking and bicycling trails and routes throughout Galveston County. Figure 5 shows that Web respondents are 18 percentage points more likely than phone respondents (80% and 62%, respectively) to be very or somewhat interested in using hiking and bicycling trails and routes. Phone respondents (34%) were more likely not to be interested in using hiking and bicycling trails and routes.

Figure 4. Interest in Using Hiking and Bicycling Trails and Routes



Natural Resources and Conservation

The Survey asked respondents whether it is important to protect and preserve natural areas and wildlife habitat in Galveston County. Both the phone and Web respondents (96% and 94%, respectively) overwhelmingly believe that it is important to protect and preserve natural areas and wildlife habitats in Galveston County. Phone respondents ranked Galveston Island the highest (67%) for the areas that should be protected in Table 12. Web respondents selected the Saltwater marshes of Galveston County (66%).

Table 12. Locations in Galveston County Selected for Protection of Natural Areas and Wildlife Habitat

Areas	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Clear Creek	56	51	53
Moses Lake	48	47	48
Saltwater marshes	60	66	62
Bolivar Peninsular	55	65	54
Galveston Island	67	57	66
Other	21	8	28

Residents also believed that the following areas of the County should be protected:

- San Leon Marsh
- Seawall
- Texas City Dike
- Crystal Beach
- Dickinson Bayou

Table 13 lists the types of wildlife and natural resources that respondents think should be protected. Both phone and Web respondents selected protecting most types of wildlife habitat and natural resources at high levels. Phone respondents selected fresh water streams and ponds (74%), while Web respondents selected estuaries, wetlands and marshes (78%).

Table 13. Types of Wildlife Habitat and Natural Resources Selected to be Protected

Types of Wildlife Habitat and Natural Resources	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Estuaries, wetlands, and marshes	71	78	75
Turtle eggs and nest locations	70	71	71
Wooded areas and tree groves	69	61	65
Bird egg and nest locations	71	71	71
Beach and dune areas	70	73	71
Grasslands and prairies	65	60	61
Alligator nest locations	55	47	51
Fresh water streams and ponds	74	61	68

Respondents also thought that the following types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected:

- All wildlife
- Oyster beds
- Deer
- Bayous
- Pelican habitat

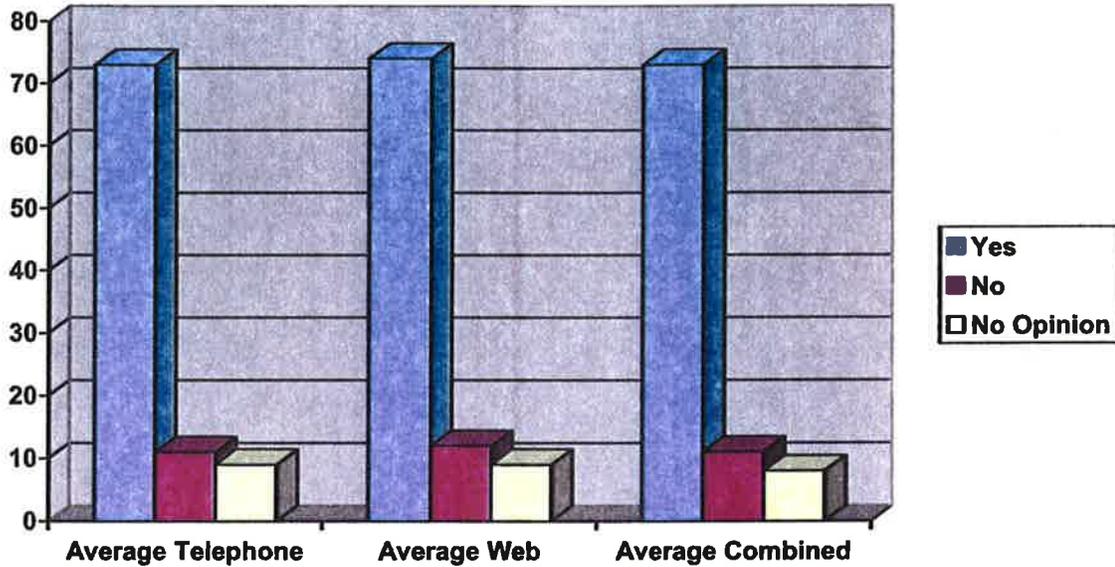
Incentives to Encourage Developers and Builders

Respondents were asked about providing incentives for developers and builders to

- conserve and protect water quality by creating or protecting more wetlands and habitat areas
- use native plants to conserve water and enhance wildlife habitat

Figure 5 illustrates the yes, no, or no opinion responses regarding incentives to builders to conserve and protect water quality by creating or protecting more wetlands and habitat areas. More than 70% of both phone and Web respondents reported that they would encourage these incentives.

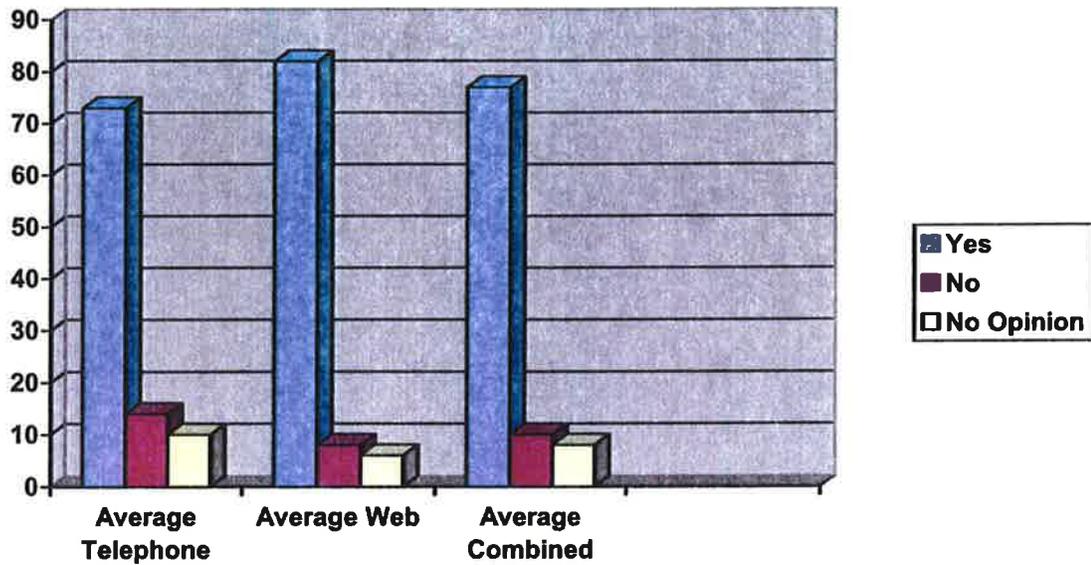
Figure 5. Responses for Galveston County to Provide Incentives to Encourage Developers and Builders to Conserve and Protect Water Quality by Creating or Protecting More Wetlands and Habitat Areas



Note: Don't know category is not included

Figure 6 illustrates the yes, no, or no opinion responses regarding incentives to builders to use native plants to conserve water and enhance wildlife habitat. More than 70% of both phone and Web respondents reported that they would encourage these incentives.

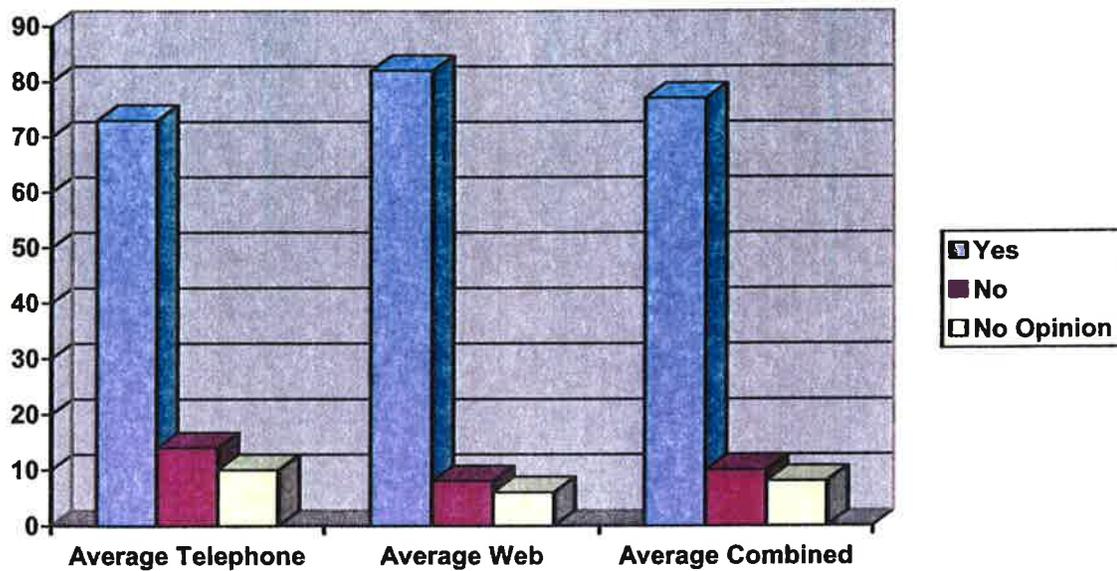
Figure 6. Responses for Galveston County to Provide Incentives for Developers and Builders to Use Native Plants to Conserve Water and Enhance Wildlife Habitat



Additional Spending or Funding for Parks and Recreation Programs

Respondents were asked whether they would support additional spending and funding on parks and recreation by the County. Figure 7 shows that both phone and Web respondents overwhelmingly would support additional spending by the County on parks and recreation (73% and 83%, respectively).

Figure 7. Respondents' Support for Additional Spending on Parks and Recreation



As Figure 8 shows, a large percentage of phone (87%) and Web (85%) respondents reported that they would support additional funding of parks and recreation through user fees for facilities like RV camp grounds, outdoor musical events, and concession stands at parks or water parks.

Figure 8. Respondents' Support for Additional Funding of Parks and Recreation through User Fees for Facilities Like RV Camp Grounds, Outdoor Musical Events, and Concession Stands at Parks or Water Parks

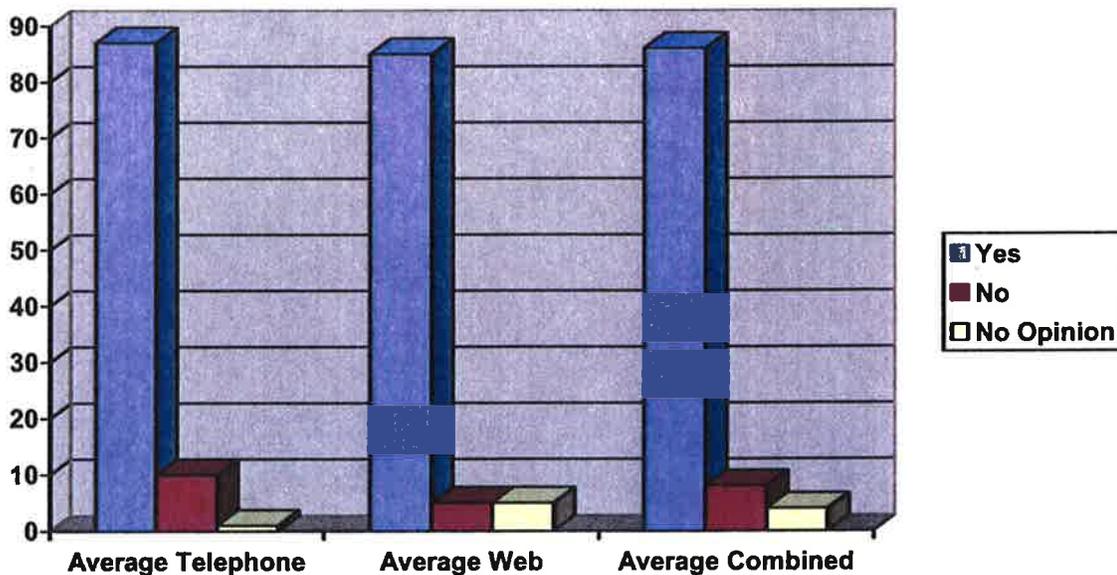


Table 14 shows methods that respondents prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities. Both phone and Web respondents preferred user fees (61% and 73% respectively).

Table 14. Methods That Respondents Prefer to Use to Pay for Additional Parks and Recreation Facilities

Funding Options	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Voter-approved bonds	33	41	37
User fees	61	73	67
Corporate sponsorship of facilities or events	43	60	51
Increase of County property tax	11	10	10
Creation of Galveston County Conservation District	24	25	24
Federal and state grant funding	52	67	59

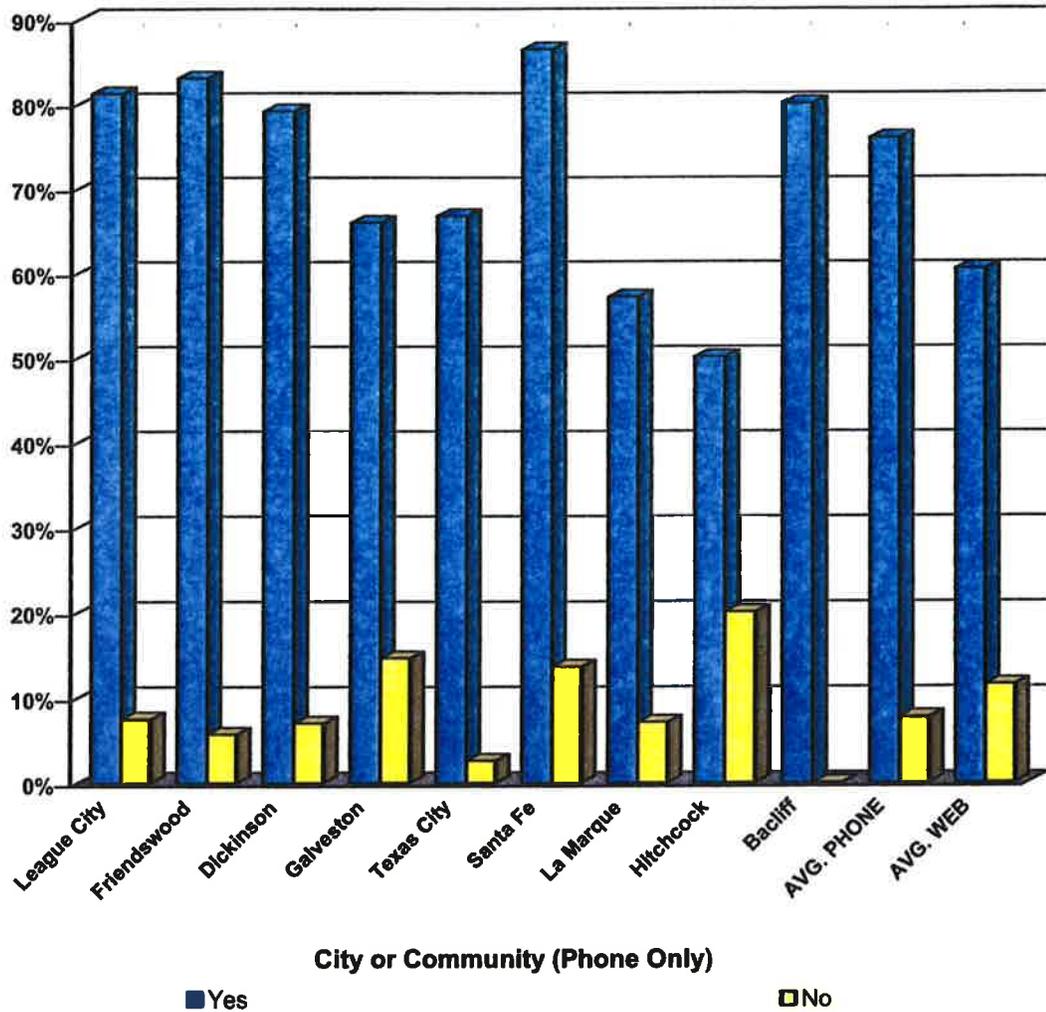
Respondents would also approve of the following methods to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities:

- Let people vote
- Tax the rich
- Take it out of your own pockets

Overall Safety of Galveston County Parks

When residents were asked if they feel safe in Galveston County parks, the majority of Galveston County residents reported that they feel safe.. Phone respondents (76%) feel safer than Web respondents (60%). Figure 9 shows these results.

Figure 9. Percent of Residents Who Feel Safe in Galveston County Parks, by City or Community



Respondents gave the following reasons why they do not feel safe in Galveston County Parks:

- Crime rate
- There are a lot of drugs out there
- Don't have lights at night
- The garbage at the boat ramp—a feeling that it is not supervised
- Bullying at the park
- Lack of security
- A lot of punks hang out there

Sources of Information That Respondents Use to Get Information about Galveston County Parks and Activities

Respondents were asked how they get information about Galveston County parks and activities. Phone and Web respondents get their information from local newspapers (37% and 67%, respectively). Web respondents were nearly 50 percentage points more likely than phone respondents (64% and 15%, respectively) to use word of mouth as a source of information.

Table 15. Sources of Information That Respondents Use to Get Information about Galveston County Parks and Activities

Source of Information	Phone %	Web %	Combined %
Local newspapers	37	67	52
Recreation brochures	4	15	10
County parks and recreation office	5	7	6
Word of mouth	15	64	38
Social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	4	16	10
County parks department website	20	22	21
Other sources	18	7	13

Respondents use the following additional sources to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities:

- By driving by or visiting parks
- Call the parks
- Chamber of Commerce
- City newsletters
- Library
- Senior Citizens Center
- Extension agency
- Billboards
- Meetings

Future Considerations

One of the primary goals of the survey was to collect data from a statistically significant, random sample of Galveston County residents whose demographics were representative of the demographics of Galveston County residents as a whole. If a similar study is conducted in the future, we suggest that to make it highly representative, it will be beneficial to publicize the survey throughout the County by using a variety of bilingual media outlets, such as television, radio, newspaper advertisements, public service announcements, and advance notifications through the mail and the Internet. In addition to raising awareness about the survey, publicizing the survey throughout the data-collection period may increase the number of respondents who complete the survey.

Similarly, using multiple modes of data collection, such as phone, Web, mail, and fax should increase the number of residents who complete the survey and may decrease the existing demographic disparity and the disparity between the phone and Web responses. Including mail and fax options in future surveys will provide opportunities for residents without landlines or without Internet access to complete the survey.

If a similar survey is conducted in the future, the existing survey instrument should be revised to incorporate suggestions received throughout data collection. Future surveys should also provide an opportunity for respondents to make open-ended comments and suggestions. It will be useful if the data from future surveys is analyzed according to additional demographics besides residents' city and community. Finally, the response rate of similar future surveys may be increased if the County addresses the concerns raised in this survey and if it implements positive changes in the areas identified as areas of concern and in the facilities with limited use. Residents will likely be more inclined to complete the survey if they believe that their feedback will make an impact.

Appendix A. Survey Methods

This appendix describes the purpose and process for the 2010 Galveston County Residents Survey (the Survey).

Purpose of Survey

The purpose of the survey was to determine residents' usage of programs and services provided by Galveston County and to assess residents' overall opinions about County needs. This information will be used in the new Galveston County Master Plan.

Description of the Survey Process

This section describes the design and preparation of the Survey, selection of the sample, pretest of the Survey, interviewer training, and administration of the Survey.

Design and Preparation of the Survey

DIR and Halff Associates collaborated with the Parks Department to design the questionnaire to be used for the Survey. DIR translated the questionnaire into Spanish and programmed the English and Spanish versions of the questionnaire into Vovici, a Web-based survey software that interfaces with computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) technology.

Selection of the Sample

On July 29, 2010, Survey Sampling International (SSI) provided the survey staff with 4,000 records. The records contained contact information phone numbers of listed Galveston County residents who live in houses and apartments.

A list sample was chosen to obtain a lower percentage of disconnected phone numbers and a higher percentage of records that fell within the study area.

Pretest of the Survey

The survey instrument was pretested with 9 randomly selected respondents on August 10, 2010. After phone interviewers completed the pretest, a few minor changes were made to the survey on the basis of the results of the pretest.

Interviewer Training

DIR trained and certified phone interviewers on the survey instrument before conducting the pretest and the full data collection. Interviewers received a training manual that contained

- An overview of the project
- A list and organization chart of key project staff and their project roles
- The script (in English and Spanish) for CATI interviewers to use to introduce the survey to potential respondents
- The survey instrument (in English and Spanish)
- Question-by-question (“Q by Q”) script, which explained the purpose of each question and included probes and definitions
- A list of frequently asked questions to prepare interviewers for respondent questions

Before the interviewers began calling sample members, the CATI supervisor certified them on the survey instrument to ensure that they administered the survey as trained.

Administration of the Survey

When possible, interviewers completed the survey with respondents by phone to maximize the number of completed surveys. Between August 16 and September, 2010, interviewers used CATI to complete the Survey throughout the County with 367 randomly selected Galveston County residents. An additional 346 respondents completed a Web-based version of the survey between August 16 and September 31, 2010. A total of 713 respondents completed the Survey.

Most of the Web respondents were notified about the survey through the Parks Department.

At the beginning of the phone survey, interviewers asked respondents whether they live in Galveston County (within the survey area).

The interviewers attempted to contact sample members during different times of the day and night, including weekends, to maximize the number of completed interviews.

DIR validated and analyzed the integrity of the data by using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). In addition to computing frequencies for all questions, DIR generated cross tabulations for most questions by geographic council district.

Appendix B. 2010 Survey of Galveston County Residents

Galveston County Survey

CATI INTRO

Hello my name is [Gene Clark] with Decision Information Resources, Inc. calling on behalf of Galveston County. The County is conducting a study of its parks and recreation facilities in order to assess current conditions and determine whether there are any changes or improvements that should be made. May I ask you a few questions about your experience with the County parks system?

- Yes – Continue in English.....1 **GO TO SCR1**
- Yes – Continue in Spanish.....2 **GO TO SCR1**
- Not a working #.....3 **END CALL/RECORD DISPOSITION**
- No Answer/Answering machine.....4 **END CALL/RECORD DISPOSITION**
- Call In – Continue in English.....5 **GO TO SCR1**
- Call In – Continue in Spanish.....6 **GO TO SCR1**
- Not Interested/RF.....7 **THANK AND TERMINATE**

WEB INTRO

Galveston County is conducting a study of its parks and recreation facilities in order to assess current conditions and determine whether there are any changes or improvements that should be made. Please answer the following questions about your experience with the County parks system.

SCR1. Are you at least 18 years of age or older?

CATI RESPONSES:

- YES.....1
- NO.....2 (IF NO: May I speak to someone in the household that is 18 or older?)
- NO ONE OVER 18 IS AVAILABLE.....3 **THANK AND TERMINATE**

INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT INTRODUCTION. IF SAMPLE MEMBER AGREES TO PARTICIPATE GO TO Q1.

WEB RESPONSES:

- YES.....1
 - NO.....2 **THANK AND TERMINATE**
-

SCR2. Do you live in Galveston County?

Yes.....1

No.....2 **THANK AND TERMINATE**

1. How long have you lived in Galveston County? **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

- 1 LESS THAN A YEAR
- 2 1 TO 5 YEARS
- 3 6 TO 10 YEARS
- 4 11 TO 20 YEARS
- 5 MORE THAN 20 YEARS
- 6 DK/NA/REF

Which city or community do you live in? **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

- GALVESTON
- TEXAS CITY
- DICKINSON
- FRIENDSWOOD
- LA MARQUE
- HITCHCOCK
- SANTA FE
- KEMAH
- CLEAR LAKE SHORES
- BACLIFF
- SAN LEON
- HIGH ISLAND
- BOLIVAR PENINSULA
- BAYOU VISTA
- JAMAICA BEACH
- TIKI ISLAND
- OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

What is your Zip Code?

How often do you visit a County owned park? **(READ LIST)**

- At least daily
- At least weekly
- At least monthly
- At least once every 3 months
- At least twice a year
- About 1 time a year
- Never (GO TO Q7)
- DK/NA/REF (GO TO Q7)

Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3) **(READ LIST)**

Jack Brooks Park

Walter Hall Park

Runge Park

Carbide Park

Hopkins Park

Holbrook Park

Bayshore Park

Gregory Park

Noble Carl Park

Ft. Travis Park

Beach on Bolivar Peninsula

OTHER PARK (SPECIFY) _____

DK/NA/REF

What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Check all that apply) **(DO NOT READ LIST) INTERVIEWER: PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

TAKE KIDS TO PLAY

PICNICKING

WALK OR RUN ON TRAILS

GO TO FESTIVALS OR EVENTS

BICYCLING

VIEW NATURE OR WILDLIFE

FISHING

PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZED TEAM SPORTS

PLAY NON-ORGANIZED SPORTS – LIKE PICKUP GAMES OF FOOTBALL, OR BASKETBALL

MOTORIZED BOATING

CANOEING OR KAYAKING

GO TO THE BEACH TO SWIM AND PLAY

DON'T VISIT PARKS

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

DK/NA/REF

Do you use County owned boat ramps?

YES

NO (GO TO Q11)

DK/NA/REF (GO TO Q11)

How often do you use a County owned boat ramp? **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

- At least daily
- At least weekly
- At least monthly
- At least once every 3 months
- At least twice a year
- About 1 time a year
- Never (GO TO Q10)
- DK/NA/REF (GO TO Q10)

Which County owned boat ramp do you use most often? **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

- 61st Street in Galveston
- Walter Hall Park
- Dickinson Bayou at Hwy 3
- Bacliff
- Blackledge
- High Island
- Jones
- Lauderdale
- Pilsner
- DK/NA/REF

Do you have any children under 18 years of age who live with you most of the time?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2 (GO TO Q13)
- DK/NA/REF (GO TO Q13)

Have your children participated in an activity, program, or event at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (INTERVIEWER: [ADD DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZED/NON-ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES])

- YES.....1
- NO.....2 (GO TO Q11C)
- DK/NA/REF (GO TO Q11C)

11a. What the **organized** activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? **(DO NOT READ LIST) (DEFINITION OF ORGANIZED-A SCHEDULED ACTIVITY WITH A LEAGUE OR TEAM)**

- COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW.
- SOFTBALL
- BASEBALL
- SOCCER
- FESTIVAL
- RODEO

ARCHERY
BICYCLING
HORSEBACK RIDING
NONE
OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
DK/NA/REF

11b. What **non-organized** recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? **(DO NOT READ LIST) (DEFINITION OF NON-ORGANIZED-A PICK-UP GAME OR FREE PLAY)**

BASKETBALL
TENNIS
HORSEBACK RIDING
DISC (FRISBEE) GOLF
BICYCLE RIDING
HIKING
WALKING OR JOGGING
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
FISHING – SALT WATER
FISHING – FRESH WATER
SKATE BOARDING
BIRD WATCHING
ROLLER BLADING
CANOEING / KAYAKING
CAMPING
NATURE STUDY
NONE
OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
DK/NA/REF

GO TO Q12

11c. What is the main reason the children in your home did not participate in any recreation activities or programs at a Galveston County Park or facility? **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS
LOCATIONS ARE INCONVENIENT
HOURS INCONVENIENT
DO NOT HAVE TIME
NOT AWARE OF COUNTY FACILITIES
USE OTHER FACILITIES, LIKE CITY PARKS OR PRIVATE CLUB
OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
DK/NA/REF

What recreation activities, programs, or events would your children be most interested in participating? (DO NOT READ LIST) SELECT ALL THAT APPLY Would your children like to participate in....

- Baseball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Horseback riding
- Disc (Frisbee) golf
- Bicycle riding
- Hiking
- Walking or jogging
- After school program
- Fishing – salt water
- Fishing – fresh water
- County fair
- Skate boarding
- Bird watching
- Dog Park
- Roller blading
- Canoeing / Kayaking
- Camping
- Nature viewing or study
- Other (SPECIFY) _____
- DK/NA/REF

Have you or other adults in your home participated in recreational activities, programs, or events at a County owned facility in the past 12 months?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2 (GO TO Q13C)
- DK/NA/REF (GO TO Q13C)

13a. What **organized** recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (DO NOT LIST) (DEFINITION OF ORGANIZED-A SCHEDULED ACTIVITY WITH A LEAGUE OR TEAM)

- COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW
- SOFTBALL
- BASEBALL

SOCCER
FESTIVAL
RODEO
ARCHERY
BICYCLING
HORSEBACK RIDING
OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
DK/NA/REF

13b. What other **non-organized** recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (**DO NOT READ LIST**) (**DEFINITION OF NON-ORGANIZED-A PICK-UP GAME OR FREE PLAY**)

BASKETBALL
TENNIS
HORSEBACK RIDING
DISC (FRISBEE) GOLF
BICYCLE RIDING
HIKING
WALKING OR JOGGING
FISHING – SALT WATER
FISHING – FRESH WATER
SKATE BOARDING
BIRD WATCHING
ROLLER BLADING
CANOEING / KAYAKING
CAMPING
NATURE STUDY
SAND VOLLEYBALL
OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
DK/NA/REF

GO TO Q14

13c. What is the main reason the adults in your home did not participate in any recreation activities or programs at a Galveston County Park or facility? (**DO NOT READ LIST**)

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS
LOCATIONS ARE INCONVENIENT
HOURS INCONVENIENT
DO NOT HAVE TIME
NOT AWARE OF COUNTY FACILITIES
USE OTHER FACILITIES, LIKE CITY PARKS OR PRIVATE CLUB

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
DK/NA/REF

What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? **(READ LIST) SELECT ALL THAT APPLY** Would adults like to participate in....**NO CAPS_READ LIST**

BASEBALL

SOCCER

SOFTBALL

BASKETBALL

TENNIS

HORSEBACK RIDING

DISC (FRISBEE) GOLF

BICYCLE RIDING

HIKING

WALKING OR JOGGING

FISHING – SALT WATER

FISHING – FRESH WATER

COUNTY FAIR

SKATE BOARDING

BIRD WATCHING

ROLLER BLADING

CANOEING / KAYAKING

CAMPING

NATURE STUDY

SAND VOLLEYBALL

Dog Park

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

DK/NA/REF

How satisfied are you with the condition of the Galveston County Parks and Facilities that you visit? Would you say.... **INTERVIEWER: READ LIST**

I am very satisfied (GO to Q16)

I am somewhat satisfied, but they could be better (GO to Q16)

I am dissatisfied. They need improvement (GO to Q15a)

I am very dissatisfied. They need a lot of improvement (GO to Q15a)

Not Familiar (GO to Q16)

DK/NA/REF (GO to Q16)

15a. If dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, what would you like to have done to improve Galveston County parks? _____

Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities? **(INTERVIEWER: READ EACH FACILITY)**

	Definite Need	Somewhat of a Need	Not a Need	No Opinion	DK/NA/REF
Playgrounds / play equipment					
Picnic shelters					
Amphitheater / outdoor entertainment venue (movies or concerts in the park)					
Walking / jogging trails					
Festival Area					
Bicycle trails / bikeways					
Water park with slides and wave pool					
Climbing facilities / climbing wall					
Skate Park					
Horseback riding trails					
Fishing pier (Lighted)– salt water					
Fishing pier (Not lighted) – fresh water					
Softball fields					
Baseball fields					
Soccer fields					
Camping / camp grounds					
Sand volleyball					
Water park with slides or wave pool					
Boat ramp					
Canoe / kayak launch areas					
Sail boarding beach					
Sailing beaches – Catamaran or “Sun Fish”					
Lighted tennis courts					
Dog parks					
Bird watching / nature study					
Beach with lifeguards					
Riding / equestrian facilities					
Gardening / horticulture					

What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

- LIGHTED BASEBALL FIELDS
- LIGHTED SOFTBALL FIELDS
- LIGHTED SOCCER FIELDS
- LIGHTED FISHING PIER
- OUTDOOR MUSIC EVENTS
- WATER PARK
- CAMP GROUNDS
- BEACH WITH LIFE GUARDS
- NATURE CENTER WITH BOARD WALKS, BIRD WATCHING AND WILDLIFE HABITAT
- OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
- DK/NA/REF

Would you be interested in using a system of hiking and bicycling trails and routes throughout Galveston County? **INTERVIEWER: READ LIST**

- Yes, very interested
- Only somewhat interested
- Not interested
- No opinion
- DK/NA/REF

Do you believe that it is important to protect and preserve natural areas and wildlife habitat in Galveston County?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2 (GO to Q21)
- DK/NA/REF (GO to Q19)

In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? **INTERVIEWER: READ LIST**
(Choose all that apply) NO CAPS-READ LIST

- CLEAR CREEK
- MOSES LAKE
- SALTWATER MARSHES BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND GALVESTON ISLAND & BOLIVAR PENINSULA
- PENINSULA
- BOLIVAR PENINSULA
- GALVESTON ISLAND
- OTHER(SPECIFY) _____
- DK/NA/REF

20a. What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? **(READ ALL) NO**

- CAPS_READ LIST
- WETLANDS AND MARSHES

- TURTLE EGG AND NEST LOCATIONS
- WOODED AREAS AND TREE GROVES
- BIRD EGG AND NEST LOCATIONS
- BEACH AND DUNE AREAS
- GRASSLANDS AND PRAIRIES
- ALIGATOR NEST LOCATIONS
- FRESH WATER STREAMS AND PONDS
- OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
- DK/NA/REF

Should Galveston County provide incentives to encourage developers and builders to conserve water and protect water quality by creating or protecting more wetlands and habitat areas than required currently?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2
- NO OPINION/NO RESPONSE.....3
- DK/REF.....4

Should Galveston County provide incentives for developers and builders to use native plants to conserve water and enhance wildlife habitat?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2
- NO OPINION/NO RESPONSE.....3
- DK/REF.....4

Would you support additional spending on parks and recreation by the County?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2 (GO TO Q24)
- NO OPINION/NO RESPONSE.....3 (GO TO Q24)
- DK/REF.....4 (GO TO Q24)

23a. Would you support additional funding of parks and recreation facilities through fees for facilities like RV camp grounds, outdoor musical events, concession stands (like hamburgers and soft drinks) at parks, or water parks?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2
- NO OPINION/NO RESPONSE.....3
- DK/REF.....4

What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities?

INTERVIEWER: READ LIST AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

(CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY)

Voter approved bonds

User fees

Corporate sponsorship of facilities or events

County property tax increase

Creation of a Galveston County Conservation District

Federal and state grant funding

Other methods (SPECIFY) _____

DK/NA/REF

In general do you feel that Galveston County Parks are safe?

Yes.....1 (GO to Q26)

No.....2 (GO to Q25a)

DK/NA/REF.....3 (GO to Q26)

25a. If not why? INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: RECORD ANSWERS VERBATIM, PROBE FOR CLARITY

What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities?

INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ LIST AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

(CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY)

LOCAL NEWS PAPERS

RECREATION BROCHURES

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE

WORD OF MOUTH

SOCIAL MEDIA (TWITTER, FACEBOOK, ETC)

COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

OTHER(SPECIFY) _____

DK/NA/REF

Which of the following ranges includes your age? INTERVIEWER :READ LIST

Under 20

20 to 24

25 to 34

35 to 44

45 to 54

55 to 64

65 and above

DK/NA/REF

Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

INTERVIEWER:READ LIST

Less than \$25,000

\$25,999-\$34,999

\$35,000-\$44,999

\$45,000-\$59,999

\$60,000-\$74,999

\$75,000-\$99,999

\$100,000-\$124,999

\$125,000 or more

DK/NA/REF

Which of the following best describes your ethnic or racial heritage? **INTERVIEWER :READ LIST**

White

Hispanic

African-American

Asian

Other _____

DK/NA/REF

Gender (RECORD WITHOUT ASKING)

Male

Female

Do you have any comments about parks and recreation in Galveston County that you would like to share?

INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: RECORD ANSWERS VERBATIM, PROBE FOR CLARITY

Thank you very much for your time. Have a nice day.

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Frequencies for Galveston County Residents Survey-WEB

Q1-How long have you lived in Galveston County?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	LESS THAN A YEAR	13	3.8	3.8	3.8
	1 TO 5 YEARS	66	19.1	19.1	22.8
	6 TO 10 YEARS	53	15.3	15.3	38.2
	11 TO 20 YEARS	82	23.7	23.7	61.8
	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	131	37.9	37.9	99.7
	NOT APPLICABLE	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

Q2-Which city or community do you live in?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	GALVESTON	25	7.2	7.2	7.2
	LEAGUE CITY	34	9.8	9.9	17.1
	TEXAS CITY	12	3.5	3.5	20.6
	DICKINSON	15	4.3	4.3	24.9
	FRIENDSWOOD	8	2.3	2.3	27.2
	LA MARQUE	7	2.0	2.0	29.3
	HITCHCOCK	1	.3	.3	29.6
	SANTA FE	20	5.8	5.8	35.4
	KEMAH	3	.9	.9	36.2
	BACLIFF	31	9.0	9.0	45.2
	SAN LEON	49	14.2	14.2	59.4
	HIGH ISLAND	8	2.3	2.3	61.7
	BOLIVAR PENINSULA	119	34.4	34.5	96.2
	BAYOU VISTA	1	.3	.3	96.5
	JAMAICA BEACH	1	.3	.3	96.8
	OTHER (SPECIFY)	11	3.2	3.2	100.0
	Total	345	99.7	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.3		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: Which city or community do you live in?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		335	96.8	96.8	96.8
	Arcadia	1	.3	.3	97.1
	Bayview	1	.3	.3	97.4
	Crystal Beach	8	2.3	2.3	99.7
	Seabrook	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

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Q3-Zip Code [Question: What is your:]

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	3	.9	.9	.9
76510	1	.3	.3	1.2
77034	1	.3	.3	1.4
77035	1	.3	.3	1.7
77510	11	3.2	3.2	4.9
77511	1	.3	.3	5.2
77517	9	2.6	2.6	7.8
77518	34	9.8	9.8	17.6
77519	1	.3	.3	17.9
77539	66	19.1	19.1	37.0
77546	7	2.0	2.0	39.0
77550	10	2.9	2.9	41.9
77551	10	2.9	2.9	44.8
77554	4	1.2	1.2	46.0
77563	3	.9	.9	46.8
77565	3	.9	.9	47.7
77568	7	2.0	2.0	49.7
77573	31	9.0	9.0	58.7
77574	1	.3	.3	59.0
77586	1	.3	.3	59.2
77590	3	.9	.9	60.1
77591	5	1.4	1.4	61.6
77617	4	1.2	1.2	62.7
77623	11	3.2	3.2	65.9
77650	114	32.9	32.9	98.8
77651	1	.3	.3	99.1
77656	1	.3	.3	99.4
77706	1	.3	.3	99.7
77950	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

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Q4-How often do you visit a County owned park?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	At least daily	12	3.5	3.5	3.5
	At least weekly	65	18.8	19.0	22.5
	At least monthly	98	28.3	28.7	51.2
	At least once every 3 months	51	14.7	14.9	66.1
	At least twice a year	43	12.4	12.6	78.7
	About 1 time a year	32	9.2	9.4	88.0
	Never	21	6.1	6.1	94.2
	DON'T KNOW	20	5.8	5.8	100.0
	Total	342	98.8	100.0	
Missing	System	4	1.2		
Total		346	100.0		

Jack Brooks Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	238	68.8	78.5	78.5
	Selected	65	18.8	21.5	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Walter Hall Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	224	64.7	73.9	73.9
	Selected	79	22.8	26.1	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Runge Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	287	82.9	94.7	94.7
	Selected	16	4.6	5.3	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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Carbide Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	266	76.9	87.8	87.8
	Selected	37	10.7	12.2	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Hopkins Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	287	82.9	94.7	94.7
	Selected	16	4.6	5.3	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Holbrook Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	298	86.1	98.3	98.3
	Selected	5	1.4	1.7	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Bayshore Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	215	62.1	71.0	71.0
	Selected	88	25.4	29.0	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Gregory Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	248	71.7	81.8	81.8
	Selected	55	15.9	18.2	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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Noble Carl Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	289	83.5	95.4	95.4
	Selected	14	4.0	4.6	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Ft. Travis Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	227	65.6	74.9	74.9
	Selected	76	22.0	25.1	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Elva Lobit Park [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	293	84.7	96.7	96.7
	Selected	10	2.9	3.3	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Beach on Bolivar Peninsula [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	177	51.2	58.4	58.4
	Selected	126	36.4	41.6	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Beach Pocket Parks [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	254	73.4	83.8	83.8
	Selected	49	14.2	16.2	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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Other (Specify) [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	291	84.1	96.0	96.0
	Selected	12	3.5	4.0	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Other (Specify) Specify [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		332	96.0	96.0	96.0
	Bacliff	1	.3	.3	96.2
	Bacliff/San Leon	1	.3	.3	96.5
	Clear Creek Nature Center	1	.3	.3	96.8
	Crystal Beach	1	.3	.3	97.1
	Dickinson Boat Ramp	1	.3	.3	97.4
	Dike/Levy Texas City	1	.3	.3	97.7
	East Beach	1	.3	.3	98.0
	Galveston beaches	1	.3	.3	98.3
	Hitchcock boat ramp	1	.3	.3	98.6
	Mahan	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Spillway Park	2	.6	.6	99.4
	Texas City	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Washington Park on 61st Street	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total		346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: Which three County owned parks do you visit most often? (List top 3)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	292	84.4	96.4	96.4
	Selected	11	3.2	3.6	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Q6

TAKE KIDS TO PLAY [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	196	56.6	64.7	64.7
	Selected	107	30.9	35.3	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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PICNICKING [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	234	67.6	77.2	77.2
	Selected	69	19.9	22.8	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

WALK OR RUN ON TRAILS [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	176	50.9	58.1	58.1
	Selected	127	36.7	41.9	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

GO TO FESTIVALS OR EVENTS [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	156	45.1	51.5	51.5
	Selected	147	42.5	48.5	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

BICYCLING [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	280	80.9	92.4	92.4
	Selected	23	6.6	7.6	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

VIEW NATURE OR WILDLIFE [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	157	45.4	51.8	51.8
	Selected	146	42.2	48.2	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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FISHING [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	204	59.0	67.3	67.3
	Selected	99	28.6	32.7	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZED TEAM SPORTS [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	284	82.1	93.7	93.7
	Selected	19	5.5	6.3	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

PLAY NON-ORGANIZED SPORTS – LIKE PICKUP GAMES OF FOOTBALL, OR BASKETBALL [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	293	84.7	96.7	96.7
	Selected	10	2.9	3.3	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

MOTORIZED BOATING [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	275	79.5	90.8	90.8
	Selected	28	8.1	9.2	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

CANOEING OR KAYAKING [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	263	76.0	86.8	86.8
	Selected	40	11.6	13.2	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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GO TO THE BEACH TO SWIM AND PLAY [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	162	46.8	53.5	53.5
	Selected	141	40.8	46.5	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

DON'T VISIT PARKS [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	303	87.6	100.0	100.0
	Selected				
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	264	76.3	87.1	87.1
	Selected	39	11.3	12.9	100.0
	Total	303	87.6	100.0	
Missing	System	43	12.4		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What do you or your family members generally do when you visit a County park? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		308	89.0	89.0	89.0
	Amtgard	1	.3	.3	89.3
	Biking	1	.3	.3	89.6
	Birdwatching	2	.6	.6	90.2
	Dog walk/run	15	4.3	4.3	94.5
	equestrian	1	.3	.3	94.8
	Fly model airplanes	2	.6	.6	95.4
	Look at the bay/water	3	.9	.9	96.2
	Mardi Gras	1	.3	.3	96.5
	Master gardener	1	.3	.3	96.8
	Parties	1	.3	.3	97.1
	Ride golf cart on beach	1	.3	.3	97.4
	Ride horses/barrel race	1	.3	.3	97.7
	Row boat	1	.3	.3	98.0
	Sailing	1	.3	.3	98.3
	Show tourists	1	.3	.3	98.6
	Sunbathe	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Therapy for disabled daughter	1	.3	.3	99.1
	walk on beach	1	.3	.3	99.4

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Watch boats	1	.3	.3	99.7
Watch the sun and waves roll in	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

Q7-Do you use County owned boat ramps?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Not Answered	2	.6	.6	.6
YES	103	29.8	29.8	30.3
NO	223	64.5	64.5	94.8
DON'T KNOW	5	1.4	1.4	96.2
NOT APPLICABLE	13	3.8	3.8	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

Q8-How often do you use a County owned boat ramp?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid AT LEAST WEEKLY	17	4.9	16.3	16.3
AT LEAST MONTHLY	30	8.7	28.8	45.2
AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 3 MONTHS	21	6.1	20.2	65.4
AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR	22	6.4	21.2	86.5
ABOUT 1 TIME A YEAR	9	2.6	8.7	95.2
NEVER	1	.3	1.0	96.2
DON'T KNOW	4	1.2	3.8	100.0
Total	104	30.1	100.0	
Missing System	242	69.9		
Total	346	100.0		

Q9-Which County owned boat ramp do you use most often?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Not Answered	5	1.4	4.9	4.9
61st Street in Galveston	5	1.4	4.9	9.7
Walter Hall Park	7	2.0	6.8	16.5
Dickinson Bayou at Hwy 3	15	4.3	14.6	31.1
Bacliff	15	4.3	14.6	45.6
Bay Shore	17	4.9	16.5	62.1
Jones Bay	4	1.2	3.9	66.0
Lauderdale	1	.3	1.0	67.0
Pilsner	5	1.4	4.9	71.8
OTHER (SPECIFY)	13	3.8	12.6	84.5
DON'T KNOW	14	4.0	13.6	98.1
NOT APPLICABLE	2	.6	1.9	100.0
Total	103	29.8	100.0	
Missing System	243	70.2		
Total	346	100.0		

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Q10-Do you have any children under 18 years of age who live with you most of the time?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	83	24.0	24.8	24.8
	NO	252	72.8	75.2	100.0
	Total	335	96.8	100.0	
Missing	System	11	3.2		
Total		346	100.0		

Q11-Have your children participated in a recreational activity, program, or event at a County owned facility in the past 12 months?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	49	14.2	57.0	57.0
	NO	35	10.1	40.7	97.7
	DON'T KNOW	2	.6	2.3	100.0
	Total	86	24.9	100.0	
Missing	System	260	75.1		
Total		346	100.0		

Q11a

COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	43	12.4	79.6	79.6
	Selected	11	3.2	20.4	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

SOFTBALL [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	46	13.3	85.2	85.2
	Selected	8	2.3	14.8	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

BASEBALL [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	42	12.1	77.8	77.8
	Selected	12	3.5	22.2	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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SOCCKER [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	44	12.7	81.5	81.5
	Selected	10	2.9	18.5	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

FESTIVAL [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	34	9.8	63.0	63.0
	Selected	20	5.8	37.0	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

RODEO [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	53	15.3	98.1	98.1
	Selected	1	.3	1.9	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

ARCHERY [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	53	15.3	98.1	98.1
	Selected	1	.3	1.9	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

BICYCLING [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	52	15.0	96.3	96.3
	Selected	2	.6	3.7	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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HORSEBACK RIDING [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	52	15.0	96.3	96.3
	Selected	2	.6	3.7	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

NONE [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	48	13.9	88.9	88.9
	Selected	6	1.7	11.1	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	49	14.2	90.7	90.7
	Selected	5	1.4	9.3	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did your children participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		342	98.8	98.8	98.8
	4H	1	.3	.3	99.1
	Basketball	1	.3	.3	99.4
	Fishing	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Play and surf	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total		346	100.0	100.0	

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Q11b

BASKETBALL [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	45	13.0	83.3	83.3
	Selected	9	2.6	16.7	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

TENNIS [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	50	14.5	92.6	92.6
	Selected	4	1.2	7.4	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

HORSEBACK RIDING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	53	15.3	98.1	98.1
	Selected	1	.3	1.9	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

DISC (FRISBEE) GOLF [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	51	14.7	94.4	94.4
	Selected	3	.9	5.6	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

BICYCLE RIDING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	42	12.1	77.8	77.8
	Selected	12	3.5	22.2	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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HIKING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	43	12.4	79.6	79.6
	Selected	11	3.2	20.4	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

WALKING OR JOGGING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	31	9.0	57.4	57.4
	Selected	23	6.6	42.6	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	50	14.5	92.6	92.6
	Selected	4	1.2	7.4	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

FISHING – SALT WATER [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	33	9.5	61.1	61.1
	Selected	21	6.1	38.9	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

FISHING – FRESH WATER [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	47	13.6	87.0	87.0
	Selected	7	2.0	13.0	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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SKATE BOARDING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	50	14.5	92.6	92.6
	Selected	4	1.2	7.4	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

BIRD WATCHING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	43	12.4	79.6	79.6
	Selected	11	3.2	20.4	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

ROLLER BLADING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	52	15.0	96.3	96.3
	Selected	2	.6	3.7	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

CANOEING / KAYAKING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	41	11.8	75.9	75.9
	Selected	13	3.8	24.1	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

CAMPING [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	51	14.7	94.4	94.4
	Selected	3	.9	5.6	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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NATURE STUDY [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	47	13.6	87.0	87.0
	Selected	7	2.0	13.0	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		337	97.4	97.4	97.4
	Band practice at Gregory Park	1	.3	.3	97.7
	Beach activities	1	.3	.3	98.0
	Driving by the bay	1	.3	.3	98.3
	Kite flying	1	.3	.3	98.6
	Play	2	.6	.6	99.1
	Surfing	1	.3	.3	99.4
	Volleyball	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Waterskiing	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: What non-organized recreational activities have your children participated in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	51	14.7	94.4	94.4
	Selected	3	.9	5.6	100.0
	Total	54	15.6	100.0	
Missing	System	292	84.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Q11c-What is the main reason the children in your home did not participate in any recreation activities or programs at a Galveston County Park or facility?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	306	88.4	88.4	88.4
	LOCATIONS ARE INCONVENIENT	3	.9	.9	89.3
	HOURS INCONVENIENT	1	.3	.3	89.6
	DO NOT HAVE TIME	1	.3	.3	89.9
	NOT AWARE OF COUNTY FACILITIES	7	2.0	2.0	91.9
	USE OTHER FACILITIES, LIKE CITY PARKS OR PRIVATE CLUB	7	2.0	2.0	93.9
	OTHER (SPECIFY)	10	2.9	2.9	96.8
	DON'T KNOW	6	1.7	1.7	98.6
	NOT APPLICABLE	5	1.4	1.4	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

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OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What is the main reason the children in your home did not participate in any recreation activities or programs at a Galveston County Park or facility?]

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	336	97.1	97.1	97.1
Child is too young	5	1.4	1.4	98.6
Did not know activities were available.	1	.3	.3	98.8
Don't feel they are safe.	1	.3	.3	99.1
None offered	1	.3	.3	99.4
None offered (Bolivar)	1	.3	.3	99.7
Working	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

Q12

Baseball [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Not Selected	61	17.6	67.8	67.8
Selected	29	8.4	32.2	100.0
Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0	
Total	346	100.0		

Soccer [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Not Selected	63	18.2	70.0	70.0
Selected	27	7.8	30.0	100.0
Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0	
Total	346	100.0		

Softball [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Not Selected	74	21.4	82.2	82.2
Selected	16	4.6	17.8	100.0
Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0	
Total	346	100.0		

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Basketball [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	63	18.2	70.0	70.0
	Selected	27	7.8	30.0	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Tennis [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	77	22.3	85.6	85.6
	Selected	13	3.8	14.4	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Horseback riding [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	72	20.8	80.0	80.0
	Selected	18	5.2	20.0	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Disc (Frisbee) golf [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	79	22.8	87.8	87.8
	Selected	11	3.2	12.2	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

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Bicycle riding [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	57	16.5	63.3	63.3
	Selected	33	9.5	36.7	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Hiking [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	64	18.5	71.1	71.1
	Selected	26	7.5	28.9	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Walking or jogging [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	57	16.5	63.3	63.3
	Selected	33	9.5	36.7	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Fishing – salt water [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	46	13.3	51.1	51.1
	Selected	44	12.7	48.9	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

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Fishing – fresh water [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	67	19.4	74.4	74.4
	Selected	23	6.6	25.6	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

County fair [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	61	17.6	67.8	67.8
	Selected	29	8.4	32.2	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Skate boarding [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	73	21.1	81.1	81.1
	Selected	17	4.9	18.9	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Bird watching [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	73	21.1	81.1	81.1
	Selected	17	4.9	18.9	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

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Roller blading [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	82	23.7	91.1	91.1
	Selected	8	2.3	8.9	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Canoeing / kayaking [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	49	14.2	54.4	54.4
	Selected	41	11.8	45.6	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Camping [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	65	18.8	72.2	72.2
	Selected	25	7.2	27.8	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Nature study [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	66	19.1	73.3	73.3
	Selected	24	6.9	26.7	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

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Sand volleyball [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	64	18.5	71.1	71.1
	Selected	26	7.5	28.9	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Dog park [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	67	19.4	74.4	74.4
	Selected	23	6.6	25.6	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Other (specify) [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	85	24.6	94.4	94.4
	Selected	5	1.4	5.6	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Other (specify) Specify [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		341	98.6	98.6	98.6
	General playground...	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Golf	1	.3	.3	99.1
	Physical therapy for disabled daughter	1	.3	.3	99.4
	Skateboarding	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Surfing	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

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DON'T KNOW [Question: What recreational activities, programs, or events would your children like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would your children like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	86	24.9	95.6	95.6
	Selected	4	1.2	4.4	100.0
	Total	90	26.0	100.0	
Missing	System	256	74.0		
Total		346	100.0		

Q13-Have you or other adults in your home participated in recreational activities, programs, or events at a County owned facility in the past 12 months?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	6	1.7	1.7	1.7
	YES	203	58.7	59.0	60.8
	NO	126	36.4	36.6	97.4
	DON'T KNOW	8	2.3	2.3	99.7
	NOT APPLICABLE	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	344	99.4	100.0	
Missing	System	2	.6		
Total		346	100.0		

COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	148	42.8	71.2	71.2
	Selected	60	17.3	28.8	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

Q13a

SOFTBALL [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	199	57.5	95.7	95.7
	Selected	9	2.6	4.3	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

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BASEBALL [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	198	57.2	95.2	95.2
	Selected	10	2.9	4.8	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

SOCCKER [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	205	59.2	98.6	98.6
	Selected	3	.9	1.4	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

FESTIVAL [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	87	25.1	41.8	41.8
	Selected	121	35.0	58.2	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

RODEO [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	198	57.2	95.2	95.2
	Selected	10	2.9	4.8	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

ARCHERY [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	207	59.8	99.5	99.5
	Selected	1	.3	.5	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

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BICYCLING [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	192	55.5	92.3	92.3
	Selected	16	4.6	7.7	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

HORSEBACK RIDING [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	206	59.5	99.0	99.0
	Selected	2	.6	1.0	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

REMOTE CONTROL MODEL AIRPLANES [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	203	58.7	97.6	97.6
	Selected	5	1.4	2.4	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

NONE [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	189	54.6	90.9	90.9
	Selected	19	5.5	9.1	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	178	51.4	85.6	85.6
	Selected	30	8.7	14.4	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

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OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	317	91.6	91.6	91.6
Amtgard	1	.3	.3	91.9
Barrel racing associations	1	.3	.3	92.2
Birdwatching	1	.3	.3	92.5
Church activities	1	.3	.3	92.8
Circus	3	.9	.9	93.6
Citrus Show	2	.6	.6	94.2
Classes/seminars	1	.3	.3	94.5
Crab Fest	2	.6	.6	95.1
Dog Fund Raiser	1	.3	.3	95.4
Dog Walks	1	.3	.3	95.7
Easter Egg Hunt	1	.3	.3	96.0
Festival of Lights	1	.3	.3	96.2
Fishing	1	.3	.3	96.5
Fishing Ft Travis, groceries at cb park	1	.3	.3	96.8
Fly airplanes	1	.3	.3	97.1
Gardening	2	.6	.6	97.7
Jane Long festival	1	.3	.3	98.0
Lions Circus	1	.3	.3	98.3
Picnics at Spillway Park	1	.3	.3	98.6
Senior services	1	.3	.3	98.8
Senor services	1	.3	.3	99.1
Special events	1	.3	.3	99.4
Surfing and piloting	1	.3	.3	99.7
Yoga	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: What organized recreational activities, programs, or events did adults in your home participate in at a County owned facility in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)]

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Not Selected	207	59.8	99.5	99.5
Selected	1	.3	.5	100.0
Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing				
System	138	39.9		
Total	346	100.0		

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Q13b

BASKETBALL [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	199	57.5	95.7	95.7
	Selected	9	2.6	4.3	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

TENNIS [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	200	57.8	96.2	96.2
	Selected	8	2.3	3.8	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

HORSEBACK RIDING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	204	59.0	98.1	98.1
	Selected	4	1.2	1.9	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

DISC (FRISBEE) GOLF [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	194	56.1	93.3	93.3
	Selected	14	4.0	6.7	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

BICYCLE RIDING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	164	47.4	78.8	78.8
	Selected	44	12.7	21.2	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

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HIKING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	169	48.8	81.2	81.2
	Selected	39	11.3	18.8	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

WALKING OR JOGGING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	86	24.9	41.3	41.3
	Selected	122	35.3	58.7	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

FISHING – SALT WATER [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	110	31.8	52.9	52.9
	Selected	98	28.3	47.1	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

FISHING – FRESH WATER [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	192	55.5	92.3	92.3
	Selected	16	4.6	7.7	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

SKATE BOARDING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	206	59.5	99.0	99.0
	Selected	2	.6	1.0	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

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BIRD WATCHING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	123	35.5	59.1	59.1
	Selected	85	24.6	40.9	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

ROLLER BLADING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	206	59.5	99.0	99.0
	Selected	2	.6	1.0	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

CANOEING / KAYAKING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	168	48.6	80.8	80.8
	Selected	40	11.6	19.2	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

CAMPING [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	192	55.5	92.3	92.3
	Selected	16	4.6	7.7	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

NATURE STUDY [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	166	48.0	79.8	79.8
	Selected	42	12.1	20.2	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

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SAND VOLLEYBALL [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	196	56.6	94.2	94.2
	Selected	12	3.5	5.8	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

NONE [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	198	57.2	95.2	95.2
	Selected	10	2.9	4.8	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	190	54.9	91.3	91.3
	Selected	18	5.2	8.7	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		328	94.8	94.8	94.8
	Adopt a Beach	1	.3	.3	95.1
	Amtgard	1	.3	.3	95.4
	Beach activities	1	.3	.3	95.7
	Dog walk/run	5	1.4	1.4	97.1
	Dog walk/run/picnic	1	.3	.3	97.4
	Fly RC airplanes	1	.3	.3	97.7
	Gardening	1	.3	.3	98.0
	Horse shoes	1	.3	.3	98.3
	Kite flying	1	.3	.3	98.6
	Playground	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Ride in arena's/barrel race	1	.3	.3	99.1
	Showing tourist friends	1	.3	.3	99.4
	Surfing and aviation	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Waterskiing	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

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DON'T KNOW [Question: What other non-organized recreational activities have you or other adults in your home participated in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	205	59.2	98.6	98.6
	Selected	3	.9	1.4	100.0
	Total	208	60.1	100.0	
Missing	System	138	39.9		
Total		346	100.0		

Q13c-What is the main reason the adults in your home did not participate in any recreation activities or programs at a Galveston County Park or facility?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	LOCATIONS ARE INCONVENIENT	15	4.3	11.1	11.1
	HOURS INCONVENIENT	4	1.2	3.0	14.1
	DO NOT HAVE TIME	24	6.9	17.8	31.9
	NOT AWARE OF COUNTY FACILITIES	37	10.7	27.4	59.3
	USE OTHER FACILITIES, LIKE CITY PARKS OR PRIVATE CLUB	9	2.6	6.7	65.9
	OTHER (SPECIFY)	18	5.2	13.3	79.3
	DON'T KNOW	13	3.8	9.6	88.9
	NOT APPLICABLE	15	4.3	11.1	100.0
	Total	135	39.0	100.0	
Missing	System	211	61.0		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What is the main reason the adults in your home did not participate in any recreation activities or programs at a Galveston County Park or facility?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		328	94.8	94.8	94.8
	Aliens	1	.3	.3	95.1
	Crystal Beach	1	.3	.3	95.4
	Don't feel they are safe.	1	.3	.3	95.7
	Felt unwelcome	1	.3	.3	96.0
	IKE	1	.3	.3	96.2
	Living out of town	1	.3	.3	96.5
	No facilities	1	.3	.3	96.8
	Not aware of activities or programs	8	2.3	2.3	99.1
	Not wheelchair friendly	1	.3	.3	99.4
	Repairing house from hurricane Ike	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Working	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

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Baseball [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in...]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	316	91.3	92.9	92.9
	Selected	24	6.9	7.1	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Soccer [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in...]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	322	93.1	94.7	94.7
	Selected	18	5.2	5.3	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Softball [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in...]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	294	85.0	86.5	86.5
	Selected	46	13.3	13.5	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Basketball [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in...]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	305	88.2	89.7	89.7
	Selected	35	10.1	10.3	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

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Tennis [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	299	86.4	87.9	87.9
	Selected	41	11.8	12.1	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Horseback riding [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	296	85.5	87.1	87.1
	Selected	44	12.7	12.9	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Disc (Frisbee) golf [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	299	86.4	87.9	87.9
	Selected	41	11.8	12.1	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Bicycle riding [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	229	66.2	67.4	67.4
	Selected	111	32.1	32.6	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

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Hiking [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	219	63.3	64.4	64.4
	Selected	121	35.0	35.6	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Walking or jogging [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	124	35.8	36.5	36.5
	Selected	216	62.4	63.5	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Fishing – salt water [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	165	47.7	48.5	48.5
	Selected	175	50.6	51.5	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Fishing – fresh water [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	267	77.2	78.5	78.5
	Selected	73	21.1	21.5	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

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**County fair [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)
Would adults like to participate in....]**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	228	65.9	67.1	67.1
	Selected	112	32.4	32.9	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

**Skate boarding [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)
Would adults like to participate in....]**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	332	96.0	97.6	97.6
	Selected	8	2.3	2.4	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

**Bird watching [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)
Would adults like to participate in....]**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	210	60.7	61.8	61.8
	Selected	130	37.6	38.2	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

**Roller blading [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)
Would adults like to participate in....]**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	324	93.6	95.3	95.3
	Selected	16	4.6	4.7	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

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Canoeing / kayaking [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	217	62.7	63.8	63.8
	Selected	123	35.5	36.2	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Camping [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	253	73.1	74.4	74.4
	Selected	87	25.1	25.6	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Nature study [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	233	67.3	68.5	68.5
	Selected	107	30.9	31.5	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Sand volleyball [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	296	85.5	87.1	87.1
	Selected	44	12.7	12.9	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

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Dog park [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]
Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	239	69.1	70.3	70.3
	Selected	101	29.2	29.7	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

None [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	335	96.8	98.5	98.5
	Selected	5	1.4	1.5	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Other (specify) [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	317	91.6	93.2	93.2
	Selected	23	6.6	6.8	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Other (specify) Specify [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]
Would adults like to participate in....]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		323	93.4	93.4	93.4
	Beach	2	.6	.6	93.9
	Bolivar	1	.3	.3	94.2
	Crab Fest Crystal Beach	1	.3	.3	94.5
	Crabbing	1	.3	.3	94.8
	Gardening	1	.3	.3	95.1
	General play ground for grandchild.	1	.3	.3	95.4
	Golf	1	.3	.3	95.7
	Golf and RV camping	1	.3	.3	96.0
	Golf cart trails bike trails	1	.3	.3	96.2
	Golfcart riding the beach without being harassed by deputy	1	.3	.3	96.5

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Helping to Save Our Planet through Hands On Education & Programs towards Combating Climate Change.	1	.3	.3	96.8
Raquetball	1	.3	.3	97.1
Rodeos	1	.3	.3	97.4
Surfing	1	.3	.3	97.7
Surfing, sailing, aviation	1	.3	.3	98.0
Swimming	3	.9	.9	98.8
Take advantage of the wildlife we have	1	.3	.3	99.1
Tennis	1	.3	.3	99.4
Why doesn't some open up a State Park or county park for all of the visitors to San Leon so there will be access to the water and a place to camp or put an RV at a reasonable price. Had property on Bacliff side to do such a thing.	1	.3	.3	99.7
Would like to use boat ramps but we don't have any as far as I know	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: What recreational activities would you or other adults in your home like to participate in at a County owned facility? (Select all that apply)]

Would adults like to participate in...]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	334	96.5	98.2	98.2
	Selected	6	1.7	1.8	100.0
	Total	340	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.7		
Total		346	100.0		

Q15-How satisfied are you with the condition of the Galveston County Parks and Facilities that you visit? Would you say....

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	I am very satisfied	40	11.6	12.0	12.0
	I am somewhat satisfied, but they could be better	176	50.9	52.9	64.9
	I am dissatisfied. They need improvement	65	18.8	19.5	84.4
	I am very dissatisfied. They need a lot of improvement	27	7.8	8.1	92.5
	Not Familiar	15	4.3	4.5	97.0
	DON'T KNOW	10	2.9	3.0	100.0
	Total	333	96.2	100.0	
Missing	System	13	3.8		
Total		346	100.0		

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If dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, what would you like to have done to improve Galveston County parks?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	268	77.5	77.5	77.5
Add fishing piers on Bolívar	1	.3	.3	77.7
After the hurricane Noble Carl Park has been shut down, it would be nice if we could get a baseball/softball field back on the peninsula.	1	.3	.3	78.0
Bayshore Park needs improvements with more facilities like some of the Harris County Parks.	1	.3	.3	78.3
Beach Parking and Beach Restrooms on Bolivar.	1	.3	.3	78.6
Beach parking permits need to be enforced with heavy fines in Bolivar. I in a four mile stretch of beach last weekend, I counted over 75 parked vehicles with no parking permit. Makes me wonder why I bother to buy mine. Ferry service is lousy. We never go to Galveston any longer because the line with the Bogus "Medical" passes is really getting out of hand. Homeowners need a way to get to Galveston, in a timely manner.	1	.3	.3	78.9
Better lighting, cleaner, more secured restrooms, better equipment, safer environment...	1	.3	.3	79.2
Better Parking, cleaner and better updated bathrooms. We need more Olympic soccer fields in one place to host soccer tournaments for kids. We have to travel to Bear Creek Park in Harris County because of the shortage of soccer fields in Galveston County	1	.3	.3	79.5
Better playground equipment hasn't been repaired from storm. Need Basketball goals & a softball diamond. Also a pier to fish or a nature trail etc.	1	.3	.3	79.8
Boat ramp at north jetty needs repair and to be dredge out and there are no parks right in port Bolivar and we need something on this end	1	.3	.3	80.1
Bolivar Beaches need more parking areas and patrol officers to patrol traffic on beach. Also need showers and more rest room facilities. Gregory Park need more covered area for events and ball park for children/adults could be in this area as well.	1	.3	.3	80.3
Bolivar is in a sad state for parks at this time.	1	.3	.3	80.6
Bolivar needs more trash barrels and rest rooms from east of Crystal Beach to Roll Over.	1	.3	.3	80.9
Clean the beaches	1	.3	.3	81.2
Clean up.	1	.3	.3	81.5
Cleaned up, maintained to a higher level, more user friendly.	1	.3	.3	81.8
Cleaned, Broken equipment fixed or replaced	1	.3	.3	82.1
Cleaner beaches, more activities.	1	.3	.3	82.4
Crystal Beach gets little to zero parks. The beach is great but visitors don't have enough restroom and the trash contractor is a disgrace. More cans and restrooms would keep the beaches cleaner. Also allow the permit people to ticket persons for litter. Have asked but they say they have been told no.	1	.3	.3	82.7
Damage from Ike	2	.6	.6	83.2
Dirty, and too many rules	1	.3	.3	83.5
Expand the play area for children, more areas for picnics, more areas for team sports (baseball, soccer, etc.)	1	.3	.3	83.8
Fix the boat ramp & pier	1	.3	.3	84.1
For starters, MAYBE we could have one closer to Dickinson. Then, MAYBE, the boat ramp at Dickinson Bayou could be repaired, although it is always exciting to watch someone's truck sinking in the bayou due to the bad slope and drop off.....NOT! It's painful to see a perfectly good truck in the water because of the bad construction of the ramp.	1	.3	.3	84.4
Give me a number to call when people are taking over the park. I tried calling.	1	.3	.3	84.7

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Gregory Park was destroyed by Hurricane Ike, and needs much more work. What has been done has been done by local residents and not the county. The beach and dunes need more attention as well. They should be more and larger trash receptacles for weekend and summer visitors to use and more frequent and consistent clean up of seaweed when it comes in to the beach.	1	.3	.3	85.0
Have playgrounds that have water shooting everywhere.(water park),nicer bathrooms.	1	.3	.3	85.3
How about a dog park? Adults only.	1	.3	.3	85.5
Hwy 3 Dickinson boat ramp: parking lot & ramp are in terrible condition.	1	.3	.3	85.8
I have found Bayshore Park very dirty and in need of repair, especially the play ground area. Therefore I take my grandchildren elsewhere, even though this park is close to my home.	1	.3	.3	86.1
I visit the parks on Galveston Island and it has not been rebuilt since Katrina	1	.3	.3	86.4
I would like to see a facility on the beach for campers only with restrooms and showers available. they normally camp anywhere they want. would love a nice water park.	1	.3	.3	86.7
I would like to see all facilities with good play areas and walking trails. Nice restrooms and picnic areas. It would be great for the peninsula if there was some sort of nature trails and natural crabbing areas.	1	.3	.3	87.0
I would like to see better picnic areas and recreational equipment, public bathroom or showers, playground equipment, covered pavilions for functions or gatherings.	1	.3	.3	87.3
I would like to see the bathrooms at Ft Travis improved they are in poor condition but clean.	1	.3	.3	87.6
Improve boat ramps	1	.3	.3	87.9
It appears to me that any and all facilities that are on Bolivar Peninsula are being pushed aside since hurricane Ike. Crystal Beach has a park but it is primarily used for food distribution instead of any other activities...	1	.3	.3	88.2
Jack Brooks arena ground needs to be worked more often. It's too hard and dangerous to run or practice running barrels. Horses will slip and fall or tear a muscle if one is not very careful.	1	.3	.3	88.4
Jack Brooks Park in particular needs SEVERE improvements to the Kitty Hawk RC Flying Field. The field is at the mercy of nature as without chronic source of irrigation, said field dries and cracks open to render it useless for the purpose it was intended. Mother Nature is NOT a reliable source of water and other resources need to be brought into play. This has been discussed with Galveston County Parks personnel from the top downward. The Kitty Hawk Field runway is no better at present than years past.....	1	.3	.3	88.7
KEEP IT CLEANER	1	.3	.3	89.0
Keep them cleaner - particularly the restrooms	1	.3	.3	89.3
LOCATIONS in North County! You could help Kemah build their 57 acre park, but you did not live up to the promises of the county Judge, and drain or make the facility in a park like YOU promised. There are little to NO Northern County projects, yet you get much of your taxes from us. We grow TIRED of being an afterthought!	1	.3	.3	89.6
Make good walking/hiking trails. Improve personal safety patrols while in parks .Spray for mosquitoes. Remove ALL the feral cats.	1	.3	.3	89.9
Make more flower beds and plant perennials to keep the parks looking good. There is a flower bed at the Bayshore Park in San Leon that looks horrible because no herbicide is used to remove weeds and no plants to look at in the bed. County department can go to the TNLA show in August of next year and put their name on the list for donations and have rumble wall (stone) plants, ect. donated to county of Galveston for beautification of their parks, just a suggestion. I have a lot of ways to save money and get plants for beautification purposes.	1	.3	.3	90.2
Make more of them. And also we are in desperate need of a dog park. The nearest good one is in Sylvia Garcia's district in Harris County.	1	.3	.3	90.5
Make sure everything is in working order !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	1	.3	.3	90.8
Make them more handicap accessible	1	.3	.3	91.0
Manicured excessively. Lack of native wildlife-attracting flora.	1	.3	.3	91.3
More activities	1	.3	.3	91.6

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More activities for young children and on Bolivar, tennis courts, adult softball league, facilities on the beach for the many visitors during the summer season, and something for our grandkids to do on Bolivar, e.g. water parks	1	.3	.3	91.9
More equipment and picnic areas. Beach with chairs and cabanas restrooms. Better fishing piers. Sport and tennis on Bolivar.	1	.3	.3	92.2
More gathering areas with permanent cement benches/walls to sit.	1	.3	.3	92.5
More locations	1	.3	.3	92.8
More open areas for playing , kite flying , and things like that	1	.3	.3	93.1
More organized sports for after school, park needs grass, roads need pavement, bathrooms	1	.3	.3	93.4
More trails and better location	1	.3	.3	93.6
Need more boat ramps	1	.3	.3	93.9
Nothing there but a canopy	1	.3	.3	94.2
Offer things that you know will attract the youth and old alike. a pool would allow all to enjoy with designated hours for seniors and youngsters alike. an area with a walking track and outdoor tennis and basketball court.	1	.3	.3	94.5
On Bolivar, the beaches need to be cleaned up. Although there are more trash cans, few use them and there is no enforcement. In addition, there needs to be public restrooms for beach-goers and campers so people are not utilizing the dunes and sand as restrooms. It would be great if the County would use their buyout land to create parking for beach-goers, so some of the beach can be vehicle-free like Stewart Beach in Galveston. It is very unsafe for young children to be on the beach with speeding, intoxicated drivers. A park, boardwalk area leading to the beach with some shops and food vendors would be awesome. That way some of the garbage from people carting their own food to the beach might be alleviated. Lastly, enforcement is key. Littering beach-goers should be fined or ticketed. Speeding, under-age driving (golf carts) and intoxicated driving must be stopped so that the beaches can be a safe and clean place to play.	1	.3	.3	94.8
Please fix the pier at Bayshore before 1 of my kids fall off	1	.3	.3	95.1
Provide actual baseball/softball and soccer fields. Provide bicycle lanes along Hwy 87. Repair Gregory Park since Ike. Provide a trail system on Bolivar.	1	.3	.3	95.4
Provide park facilities for the Bolivar Peninsula	1	.3	.3	95.7
Provide public restrooms and showers,picnic areas with a grilling area	1	.3	.3	96.0
Public boat ramp is out of commission. No park facilities in this area.	1	.3	.3	96.2
Restore the fishing and boat pier	1	.3	.3	96.5
Restrooms, new playground equipment, more picnic tables	1	.3	.3	96.8
Runge Park event hall is very rundown, mabey add additional ammenites to the park itself and re build or renovate the hall. There is nothing to do at the park besides what ever is going on in the hall.. Mabey a playground	1	.3	.3	97.1
Tennis courts at Walter Hall is terrible (unsafe) condition - budgeting to redo surface would be a priority for me.	1	.3	.3	97.4
The beach on Bolivar needs to be cleaned. The trash can needs to be emptied weekly and twice a week during the summer	1	.3	.3	97.7
The last time I took my granddaughter to the park in San Leon, the playground equipment was in need of repair; it was dirtier than we would have liked. Could probably use more accessible waste receptacles.	1	.3	.3	98.0
The only park we frequent is Gregory Park, which has nothing but a pavillion. Anything would be an improvement!	1	.3	.3	98.3
The Rc fly park at Jack Brooks Parks is a shit hole. And needs to be moved back were it was in the first place.	1	.3	.3	98.6
There are no Senior Centers in San Leon	1	.3	.3	98.8
They are boring and there is no shade. Why can't we have something like armond bayou, I drive to that park.	1	.3	.3	99.1
Trash not picked up on a regular basis, lack of maintenance of dock, fireworks should not be allowed in county park areas, safety issues	1	.3	.3	99.4
Upkeep and maintenance needs to improve and done more often.	1	.3	.3	99.7
We need a large park near Bayshore Park with Sr. citizen facilities.	1	.3	.3	100.0

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[Topic: Playgrounds / play equipment Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	62	17.9	18.8	18.8
	Definite Need	142	41.0	43.0	61.8
	Somewhat of a Need	61	17.6	18.5	80.3
	Not a Need	20	5.8	6.1	86.4
	No Opinion	25	7.2	7.6	93.9
	DON'T KNOW	11	3.2	3.3	97.3
	NOT APPLICABLE	9	2.6	2.7	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Picnic shelters/BBQ Grills Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
Valid	Not Answered	46	13.3	13.9	13.9	
	Definite Need	160	46.2	48.5	62.4	
	Somewhat of a Need	93	26.9	28.2	90.6	
	Not a Need	9	2.6	2.7	93.3	
	No Opinion	1	2	3.5	3.6	97.0
	DON'T KNOW	7	2.0	2.1	99.1	
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0	
	Total	330	95.4	100.0		
Missing	System	16	4.6			
Total		346	100.0			

[Topic: Amphitheater / outdoor entertainment venue (movies or concerts in the park) Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	64	18.5	19.4	19.4
	Definite Need	106	30.6	32.1	51.5
	Somewhat of a Need	78	22.5	23.6	75.2
	Not a Need	47	13.6	14.2	89.4
	No Opinion	27	7.8	8.2	97.6
	DON'T KNOW	5	1.4	1.5	99.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Walking / jogging trails Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	60	17.3	18.2	18.2
	Definite Need	163	47.1	49.4	67.6
	Somewhat of a Need	71	20.5	21.5	89.1
	Not a Need	19	5.5	5.8	94.8
	No Opinion	11	3.2	3.3	98.2
	DON'T KNOW	3	.9	.9	99.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Festival area Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	75	21.7	22.7	22.7
	Definite Need	117	33.8	35.5	58.2
	Somewhat of a Need	82	23.7	24.8	83.0
	Not a Need	34	9.8	10.3	93.3
	No Opinion	19	5.5	5.8	99.1
	DON'T KNOW	1	.3	.3	99.4
	NOT APPLICABLE	2	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Bicycle trails / bikeways Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	70	20.2	21.2	21.2
	Definite Need	144	41.6	43.6	64.8
	Somewhat of a Need	69	19.9	20.9	85.8
	Not a Need	22	6.4	6.7	92.4
	No Opinion	19	5.5	5.8	98.2
	DON'T KNOW	5	1.4	1.5	99.7
	NOT APPLICABLE	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Water park with slides and wave pool Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	77	22.3	23.3	23.3
	Definite Need	85	24.6	25.8	49.1
	Somewhat of a Need	51	14.7	15.5	64.5
	Not a Need	77	22.3	23.3	87.9
	No Opinion	29	8.4	8.8	96.7
	DON'T KNOW	6	1.7	1.8	98.5
	NOT APPLICABLE	5	1.4	1.5	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Climbing facilities / climbing wall Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	89	25.7	27.0	27.0
	Definite Need	43	12.4	13.0	40.0
	Somewhat of a Need	46	13.3	13.9	53.9
	Not a Need	99	28.6	30.0	83.9
	No Opinion	40	11.6	12.1	96.1
	DON'T KNOW	8	2.3	2.4	98.5
	NOT APPLICABLE	5	1.4	1.5	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Skate park Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	90	26.0	27.3	27.3
	Definite Need	59	17.1	17.9	45.2
	Somewhat of a Need	60	17.3	18.2	63.3
	Not a Need	71	20.5	21.5	84.8
	No Opinion	38	11.0	11.5	96.4
	DON'T KNOW	9	2.6	2.7	99.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Horseback riding trails Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	105	30.3	31.8	31.8
	Definite Need	40	11.6	12.1	43.9
	Somewhat of a Need	53	15.3	16.1	60.0
	Not a Need	76	22.0	23.0	83.0
	No Opinion	45	13.0	13.6	96.7
	DON'T KNOW	7	2.0	2.1	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Fishing pier (Lighted)– salt water Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	52	15.0	15.8	15.8
	Definite Need	183	52.9	55.5	71.2
	Somewhat of a Need	51	14.7	15.5	86.7
	Not a Need	21	6.1	6.4	93.0
	No Opinion	17	4.9	5.2	98.2
	DON'T KNOW	3	.9	.9	99.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Fishing pier (Not lighted) – fresh water Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	110	31.8	33.3	33.3
	Definite Need	69	19.9	20.9	54.2
	Somewhat of a Need	62	17.9	18.8	73.0
	Not a Need	40	11.6	12.1	85.2
	No Opinion	30	8.7	9.1	94.2
	DON'T KNOW	5	1.4	1.5	95.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	14	4.0	4.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Softball fields Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	89	25.7	27.0	27.0
	Definite Need	86	24.9	26.1	53.0
	Somewhat of a Need	68	19.7	20.6	73.6
	Not a Need	47	13.6	14.2	87.9
	No Opinion	28	8.1	8.5	96.4
	DON'T KNOW	8	2.3	2.4	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Baseball fields Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	95	27.5	28.8	28.8
	Definite Need	78	22.5	23.6	52.4
	Somewhat of a Need	67	19.4	20.3	72.7
	Not a Need	50	14.5	15.2	87.9
	No Opinion	29	8.4	8.8	96.7
	DON'T KNOW	7	2.0	2.1	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Soccer fields Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	95	27.5	28.8	28.8
	Definite Need	74	21.4	22.4	51.2
	Somewhat of a Need	68	19.7	20.6	71.8
	Not a Need	52	15.0	15.8	87.6
	No Opinion	31	9.0	9.4	97.0
	DON'T KNOW	7	2.0	2.1	99.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Camping / camp grounds Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	77	22.3	23.3	23.3
	Definite Need	113	32.7	34.2	57.6
	Somewhat of a Need	75	21.7	22.7	80.3
	Not a Need	33	9.5	10.0	90.3
	No Opinion	24	6.9	7.3	97.6
	DON'T KNOW	2	.6	.6	98.2
	NOT APPLICABLE	6	1.7	1.8	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Sand volleyball Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	97	28.0	29.4	29.4
	Definite Need	63	18.2	19.1	48.5
	Somewhat of a Need	77	22.3	23.3	71.8
	Not a Need	46	13.3	13.9	85.8
	No Opinion	36	10.4	10.9	96.7
	DON'T KNOW	6	1.7	1.8	98.5
	NOT APPLICABLE	5	1.4	1.5	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Boat ramp Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	83	24.0	25.2	25.2
	Definite Need	138	39.9	41.8	67.0
	Somewhat of a Need	50	14.5	15.2	82.1
	Not a Need	33	9.5	10.0	92.1
	No Opinion	18	5.2	5.5	97.6
	DON'T KNOW	4	1.2	1.2	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Canoe / kayak launch areas Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	82	23.7	24.8	24.8
	Definite Need	127	36.7	38.5	63.3
	Somewhat of a Need	63	18.2	19.1	82.4
	Not a Need	30	8.7	9.1	91.5
	No Opinion	22	6.4	6.7	98.2
	DON'T KNOW	3	.9	.9	99.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Sail boarding beach Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	100	28.9	30.3	30.3
	Definite Need	70	20.2	21.2	51.5
	Somewhat of a Need	58	16.8	17.6	69.1
	Not a Need	53	15.3	16.1	85.2
	No Opinion	40	11.6	12.1	97.3
	DON'T KNOW	5	1.4	1.5	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Sailing beaches – Catamaran or “Sun Fish” Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	98	28.3	29.7	29.7
	Definite Need	76	22.0	23.0	52.7
	Somewhat of a Need	58	16.8	17.6	70.3
	Not a Need	50	14.5	15.2	85.5
	No Opinion	41	11.8	12.4	97.9
	DON'T KNOW	3	.9	.9	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Lighted tennis courts Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	97	28.0	29.4	29.4
	Definite Need	64	18.5	19.4	48.8
	Somewhat of a Need	74	21.4	22.4	71.2
	Not a Need	53	15.3	16.1	87.3
	No Opinion	33	9.5	10.0	97.3
	DON'T KNOW	5	1.4	1.5	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Dog parks Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	82	23.7	24.8	24.8
	Definite Need	107	30.9	32.4	57.3
	Somewhat of a Need	60	17.3	18.2	75.5
	Not a Need	47	13.6	14.2	89.7
	No Opinion	26	7.5	7.9	97.6
	DON'T KNOW	5	1.4	1.5	99.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Bird watching Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	75	21.7	22.7	22.7
	Definite Need	123	35.5	37.3	60.0
	Somewhat of a Need	75	21.7	22.7	82.7
	Not a Need	32	9.2	9.7	92.4
	No Opinion	22	6.4	6.7	99.1
	DON'T KNOW	1	.3	.3	99.4
	NOT APPLICABLE	2	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Nature study Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	82	23.7	24.8	24.8
	Definite Need	115	33.2	34.8	59.7
	Somewhat of a Need	77	22.3	23.3	83.0
	Not a Need	32	9.2	9.7	92.7
	No Opinion	22	6.4	6.7	99.4
	DON'T KNOW	1	.3	.3	99.7
	NOT APPLICABLE	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Beach with concessions Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	81	23.4	24.5	24.5
	Definite Need	118	34.1	35.8	60.3
	Somewhat of a Need	62	17.9	18.8	79.1
	Not a Need	40	11.6	12.1	91.2
	No Opinion	23	6.6	7.0	98.2
	DON'T KNOW	2	.6	.6	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

[Topic: Riding / equestrian facilities Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	106	30.6	32.1	32.1
	Definite Need	37	10.7	11.2	43.3
	Somewhat of a Need	61	17.6	18.5	61.8
	Not a Need	68	19.7	20.6	82.4
	No Opinion	47	13.6	14.2	96.7
	DON'T KNOW	5	1.4	1.5	98.2
	NOT APPLICABLE	6	1.7	1.8	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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[Topic: Gardening / horticulture Question: Would you say there is a “definite need”, “somewhat of a need”, or “not a need” for the following park or recreation facilities?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Answered	75	21.7	22.7	22.7
	Definite Need	87	25.1	26.4	49.1
	Somewhat of a Need	73	21.1	22.1	71.2
	Not a Need	50	14.5	15.2	86.4
	No Opinion	37	10.7	11.2	97.6
	DON'T KNOW	4	1.2	1.2	98.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	4	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	330	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	4.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Q17

LIGHTED BASEBALL FIELDS [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	266	76.9	81.3	81.3
	Selected	61	17.6	18.7	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

LIGHTED SOFTBALL FIELDS [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	265	76.6	81.0	81.0
	Selected	62	17.9	19.0	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

LIGHTED SOCCER FIELDS [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	283	81.8	86.5	86.5
	Selected	44	12.7	13.5	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

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LIGHTED FISHING PIER [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	183	52.9	56.0	56.0
	Selected	144	41.6	44.0	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

OUTDOOR MUSIC EVENTS [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	167	48.3	51.1	51.1
	Selected	160	46.2	48.9	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

WATER PARK [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	212	61.3	64.8	64.8
	Selected	115	33.2	35.2	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

CAMP GROUNDS [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	201	58.1	61.5	61.5
	Selected	126	36.4	38.5	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

BEACH WITH CONCESSIONS [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	195	56.4	59.6	59.6
	Selected	132	38.2	40.4	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

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NATURE CENTER WITH BOARD WALKS, BIRD WATCHING AND WILDLIFE HABITAT [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	196	56.6	59.9	59.9
	Selected	131	37.9	40.1	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

NONE [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	299	86.4	91.4	91.4
	Selected	28	8.1	8.6	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	307	88.7	93.9	93.9
	Selected	20	5.8	6.1	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		326	94.2	94.2	94.2
	Clean Energy Systems Education.	1	.3	.3	94.5
	Dog Park	8	2.3	2.3	96.8
	Equestrian	1	.3	.3	97.1
	Golf, RV Camping	1	.3	.3	97.4
	Hell no no user fees	1	.3	.3	97.7
	Horticulture classes as an area for Master Gardeners classes and hands on classes to beautify the parks.	1	.3	.3	98.0
	Indoor swimming pool	1	.3	.3	98.3
	Lighted cut at Rollover Pass	1	.3	.3	98.6
	Man - made kayaking rapids	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Museum	1	.3	.3	99.1

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My taxes are enough money. Stop giving admins big salaries. Start giving it back to the taxpayer through improved rec areas and parks.	1	.3	.3	99.4
Seawall parking fees	1	.3	.3	99.7
Walking trail	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: What recreation facilities would you support through user fees? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	312	90.2	95.4	95.4
	Selected	15	4.3	4.6	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

Q18-Would you be interested in using a system of hiking and bicycling trails and routes throughout Galveston County?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, very interested	181	52.3	56.4	56.4
	Only somewhat interested	75	21.7	23.4	79.8
	Not interested	40	11.6	12.5	92.2
	No opinion	17	4.9	5.3	97.5
	DON'T KNOW	2	.6	.6	98.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	6	1.7	1.9	100.0
	Total	321	92.8	100.0	
Missing	System	25	7.2		
Total		346	100.0		

Q19-Do you believe that it is important to protect and preserve natural areas and wildlife habitat in Galveston County?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	302	87.3	93.8	93.8
	NO	7	2.0	2.2	96.0
	DON'T KNOW	10	2.9	3.1	99.1
	NOT APPLICABLE	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	322	93.1	100.0	
Missing	System	24	6.9		
Total		346	100.0		

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Q20

Clear Creek [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	131	37.9	42.8	42.8
	Selected	175	50.6	57.2	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Moses Lake [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	143	41.3	46.7	46.7
	Selected	163	47.1	53.3	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Saltwater marshes [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	78	22.5	25.5	25.5
	Selected	228	65.9	74.5	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Bolivar Peninsula [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	80	23.1	26.1	26.1
	Selected	226	65.3	73.9	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Galveston Island [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	110	31.8	35.9	35.9
	Selected	196	56.6	64.1	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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Other (specify) [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	280	80.9	91.5	91.5
	Selected	26	7.5	8.5	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Other (specify) Specify [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		320	92.5	92.5	92.5
	All	3	.9	.9	93.4
	Anywhere you can create open land corridors	1	.3	.3	93.6
	Clear lake	1	.3	.3	93.9
	Crystal Beach	1	.3	.3	94.2
	Dickinson and Highland Bayous	1	.3	.3	94.5
	Dickinson Bayou	4	1.2	1.2	95.7
	Everywhere	1	.3	.3	96.0
	Highland Bayou	1	.3	.3	96.2
	I'm a huge conservationist...ALL areas.	1	.3	.3	96.5
	San Leon	5	1.4	1.4	98.0
	San Leon / Bacliff	1	.3	.3	98.3
	San Leon because with all of the development around the animals are being pushed out of their natural habitat, we had caught a young piney woods bore on my back three lots in San Leon. No Place to go for this animal, only relocation.	1	.3	.3	98.6
	San Leon marsh	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Santa Fe	1	.3	.3	99.1
	Seawall is neglected	1	.3	.3	99.4
	Texas City Dyke area	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Why not all of them?	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total		346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	282	81.5	92.2	92.2
	Selected	24	6.9	7.8	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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NOT APPLICABLE [Question: In what areas of the County should wildlife and habitat be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	306	88.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Q20a

Estuaries, wetlands and marshes [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	36	10.4	11.8	11.8
	Selected	270	78.0	88.2	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Turtle egg and nest locations [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	60	17.3	19.6	19.6
	Selected	246	71.1	80.4	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Wooded areas and tree groves [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	94	27.2	30.7	30.7
	Selected	212	61.3	69.3	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Bird egg and nest locations [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	62	17.9	20.3	20.3
	Selected	244	70.5	79.7	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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Beach and dune areas [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	55	15.9	18.0	18.0
	Selected	251	72.5	82.0	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Grasslands and prairies [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	109	31.5	35.6	35.6
	Selected	197	56.9	64.4	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Alligator nest locations [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	144	41.6	47.1	47.1
	Selected	162	46.8	52.9	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Fresh water streams and ponds [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	94	27.2	30.7	30.7
	Selected	212	61.3	69.3	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Other (specify) [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	294	85.0	96.1	96.1
	Selected	12	3.5	3.9	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

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Other (specify) Specify [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		335	96.8	96.8	96.8
	All	3	.9	.9	97.7
	All wildlife and natural resources	1	.3	.3	98.0
	Any area that has wildlife to offer should be protected because one day soon our future generation of children will not know what it is like and feel to see flocks of pelicans flying in the sky and being able to count how many is in each flock.	1	.3	.3	98.3
	As far as I know we don't have any of these on Bolivar	1	.3	.3	98.6
	Bayous	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Deer	1	.3	.3	99.1
	Oyster beds	1	.3	.3	99.4
	Pelican habitat	1	.3	.3	99.7
	San Leon Quakers	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	297	85.8	97.1	97.1
	Selected	9	2.6	2.9	100.0
	Total	306	88.4	100.0	
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

NOT APPLICABLE [Question: What types of wildlife habitat and natural resources should be protected? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	306	88.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	40	11.6		
Total		346	100.0		

Q21-Should Galveston County provide incentives to encourage developers and builders to conserve water and protect water quality by creating or protecting more wetlands and habitat areas than required currently?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	237	68.5	74.3	74.3
	NO	38	11.0	11.9	86.2
	NO OPINION/NO RESPONSE	29	8.4	9.1	95.3
	DON'T KNOW	15	4.3	4.7	100.0
	Total	319	92.2	100.0	
Missing	System	27	7.8		
Total		346	100.0		

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Q22-Should Galveston County provide incentives for developers and builders to use native plants to conserve water and enhance wildlife habitat?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	262	75.7	81.6	81.6
	NO	24	6.9	7.5	89.1
	NO OPINION/NO RESPONSE	20	5.8	6.2	95.3
	DON'T KNOW	15	4.3	4.7	100.0
	Total	321	92.8	100.0	
Missing	System	25	7.2		
Total		346	100.0		

Q23-Would you support additional spending on parks and recreation by the County?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	325	93.9	99.4	99.4
	Selected	2	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	327	94.5	100.0	
Missing	System	19	5.5		
Total		346	100.0		

Q23a-Would you support additional funding of parks and recreation facilities through fees for facilities like RV camp grounds, outdoor musical events, concession stands (like hamburgers and soft drinks) at parks, or water parks?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	238	68.8	84.7	84.7
	NO	15	4.3	5.3	90.0
	NO OPINION/NO RESPONSE	15	4.3	5.3	95.4
	DON'T KNOW	13	3.8	4.6	100.0
	Total	281	81.2	100.0	
Missing	System	65	18.8		
Total		346	100.0		

Q24

Voter approved bonds [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	182	52.6	56.2	56.2
	Selected	142	41.0	43.8	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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User fees [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	71	20.5	21.9	21.9
	Selected	253	73.1	78.1	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Corporate sponsorship of facilities or events [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	116	33.5	35.8	35.8
	Selected	208	60.1	64.2	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

County property tax increase [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	291	84.1	89.8	89.8
	Selected	33	9.5	10.2	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Creation of a Galveston County Conservation District [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	239	69.1	73.8	73.8
	Selected	85	24.6	26.2	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Federal and state grant funding [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	93	26.9	28.7	28.7
	Selected	231	66.8	71.3	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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OTHER METHODS (SPECIFY) [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	314	90.8	96.9	96.9
	Selected	10	2.9	3.1	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER METHODS (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		336	97.1	97.1	97.1
	Any method we can use	1	.3	.3	97.4
	Corporate sponsorship of events (not county facilities)	1	.3	.3	97.7
	Create revenue generating training and educational programs that permit park goers to take home clean energy systems, and use them.	1	.3	.3	98.0
	Green projects wind and solar	1	.3	.3	98.3
	Have the people in the parks department go out and accept donation for project, plants ect. We at the University are not affair to ask for donation to help us out with the plants, stones to make retaining walls or flower beds, ect.	1	.3	.3	98.6
	NONE	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Quit giving big salaries to admins. Lower your living standards and give the money back to the public.	1	.3	.3	99.1
	Take it out of your own pockets	1	.3	.3	99.4
	Volunteers	1	.3	.3	99.7
	whatever it takes.	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	313	90.5	96.6	96.6
	Selected	11	3.2	3.4	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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NOT APPLICABLE [Question: What methods would you prefer to use to pay for additional parks and recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	324	93.6	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Q25-In general do you feel that Galveston County Parks are safe?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	194	56.1	60.4	60.4
	NO	37	10.7	11.5	72.0
	DON'T KNOW	89	25.7	27.7	99.7
	NOT APPLICABLE	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	321	92.8	100.0	
Missing	System	25	7.2		
Total		346	100.0		

Q25a-If not why?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		315	91.0	91.0	91.0
	As mentioned in my " very dissatisfied" comment, the beaches on Bolivar Peninsula are not safe with the garbage, vehicle speeding, under-age driving and intoxicated driving issues.	1	.3	.3	91.3
	At spillway park in San Leon, you can see the drinking (beer bottles and wine bottles etc.)that obviously went on the night before It has locks CLOSE the park up as it should be	1	.3	.3	91.6
	Bad lighting, little if any patrols for loiterers and drug and alcohol users. Too many places to hide in. Not clean.	1	.3	.3	91.9
	Bull shit do not even think of raising my tax's to pay for this crap.	1	.3	.3	92.2
	Bums and transit people are hanging out at Noble Carl Park in Crystal Beach. Also the park has no lights.	1	.3	.3	92.5
	Can only speak about the Bolivar beaches. A lot of rowdy behavior occurs on the peninsula and quite a number of beach home break-ins. Don't see a lot of law enforcement until after the break-ins. I don't think Galveston is a very safe place, particularly after dark.	1	.3	.3	92.8
	Damaged facility's, criminal elements at skatepark	1	.3	.3	93.1

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Fireworks in parks are an accident waiting to happen, lack of maintenance of boat dock, lack of law enforcement monitoring	1	.3	.3	93.4
Gang graffiti	1	.3	.3	93.6
I don't feel safe in any park if I am alone. Just me living in this area of Texas that has so many women come up missing.	1	.3	.3	93.9
I have been in San Leon for 42 + years and I would not go to the Bayshore Park at night for any reason. I love the area I live in but so much has changed to where you are not sure who to trust.	1	.3	.3	94.2
I wouldn't go to any of the parks after dark; particularly the one commonly referred to as Spillway park in San Leon on Bayshore Drive. Security in my area leaves much to be desired.	1	.3	.3	94.5
Lack of police	1	.3	.3	94.8
LACK OF REGULAR SECURITY PATROLS	1	.3	.3	95.1
Lack of security on Bolivar Beaches. what law enforcement that is there is busy harassing families rather than dealing with the real trouble makers.	1	.3	.3	95.4
Lot's of criminal activity, vehicle break in's etc...	1	.3	.3	95.7
Need better lighting and police patrol	1	.3	.3	96.0
Never see law enforcement present, except for large events that are normally held on a yearly basic.	1	.3	.3	96.2
Not much for handicap access, parking and lighting issues.	1	.3	.3	96.5
Not sufficient lighting	1	.3	.3	96.8
Our parks are being over run by illegal aliens, and there needs to be agents to patrol or parks on at least a by weekly time period!!	1	.3	.3	97.1
Peninsula parks not restored for lighting and safety. Need more camp areas and restroom facilities with showers for campers.	1	.3	.3	97.4
Police not visible,, too much vandalism, litter.	1	.3	.3	97.7
Security	1	.3	.3	98.0
The ones on Crystal Beach appear to be the main location of any homeless people	1	.3	.3	98.3
There are some parks that are not patrolled by police to protect kids, parents. In Texas City the park by Texas City dike has no patrols and I've witnessed bums, drug dealers in the area while there. It would be nice to have a substation where there are police present by the park at all times during operating hours.	1	.3	.3	98.6

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TO MUCH DRUGS TRADE GOING ON	1	.3	.3	98.8
Too many layabouts not enough police on streets	1	.3	.3	99.1
Too many unsupervised teenagers drinking, stealing golf carts, peoples wood from decks and such, unsolved murders.	1	.3	.3	99.4
UNKEPT & DARK	1	.3	.3	99.7
Very few patrols by sheriff's dept from Crystal Beach to hway 124	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

Q26

LOCAL NEWS PAPERS [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	87	25.1	26.9	26.9
	Selected	237	68.5	73.1	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

RECREATION BROCHURES [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	271	78.3	83.6	83.6
	Selected	53	15.3	16.4	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	299	86.4	92.3	92.3
	Selected	25	7.2	7.7	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

WORD OF MOUTH [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	104	30.1	32.1	32.1
	Selected	220	63.6	67.9	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

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SOCIAL MEDIA (TWITTER, FACEBOOK, ETC) [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	270	78.0	83.3	83.3
	Selected	54	15.6	16.7	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT WEBSITE [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	246	71.1	75.9	75.9
	Selected	78	22.5	24.1	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	301	87.0	92.9	92.9
	Selected	23	6.6	7.1	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

OTHER (SPECIFY) Specify [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		323	93.4	93.4	93.4
	Attend meetings	1	.3	.3	93.6
	Billboards	1	.3	.3	93.9
	Birding and kayaking websites	1	.3	.3	94.2
	Email	2	.6	.6	94.8
	Extension agency	1	.3	.3	95.1
	Fort Travis	1	.3	.3	95.4
	Galveston.com/CrystalBeach.com	1	.3	.3	95.7
	Go to commissioners court and also talk with Mr Harris	1	.3	.3	96.0
	Internet sites/online sources	6	1.7	1.7	97.7
	Internet sites/online sources (Bolivar blog sites)	1	.3	.3	98.0
	League City Parks Dept.	1	.3	.3	98.3
	Look for flyers that are posted, nothing I have seen in local paper.	1	.3	.3	98.6
	None	1	.3	.3	98.8

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None of above. I have no idea where they are located	1	.3	.3	99.1
Own eyes	1	.3	.3	99.4
The Beach Triton	1	.3	.3	99.7
Your walls have ears	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	

DON'T KNOW [Question: What sources do you use to get information about Galveston County Parks and activities? (Select all that apply)]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not Selected	316	91.3	97.5	97.5
	Selected	8	2.3	2.5	100.0
	Total	324	93.6	100.0	
Missing	System	22	6.4		
Total		346	100.0		

Q27-Which of the following ranges includes your age?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	20 to 24	3	.9	.9	.9
	25 to 34	15	4.3	4.7	5.6
	35 to 44	49	14.2	15.3	20.9
	45 to 54	89	25.7	27.7	48.6
	55 to 64	102	29.5	31.8	80.4
	65 and above	62	17.9	19.3	99.7
	NOT APPLICABLE	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	321	92.8	100.0	
Missing	System	25	7.2		
Total		346	100.0		

Q28-Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than \$25,000	16	4.6	5.0	5.0
	\$25,000-\$34,999	18	5.2	5.7	10.7
	\$35,000-\$44,999	25	7.2	7.9	18.6
	\$45,000-\$59,999	31	9.0	9.7	28.3
	\$60,000-\$74,999	31	9.0	9.7	38.1
	\$75,000-\$99,999	44	12.7	13.8	51.9
	\$100,000-\$124,999	41	11.8	12.9	64.8
	\$125,000 or more	68	19.7	21.4	86.2
	DON'T KNOW	2	.6	.6	86.8
	NOT APPLICABLE	12	3.5	3.8	90.6
	REFUSE	30	8.7	9.4	100.0
	Total	318	91.9	100.0	
Missing	System	28	8.1		
Total		346	100.0		

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Q29-Which of the following best describes your ethnic or racial heritage?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White	281	81.2	87.5	87.5
	Hispanic	14	4.0	4.4	91.9
	African-American	3	.9	.9	92.8
	Other	11	3.2	3.4	96.3
	DON'T KNOW	1	.3	.3	96.6
	NOT APPLICABLE	11	3.2	3.4	100.0
	Total	321	92.8	100.0	
Missing	System	25	7.2		
Total		346	100.0		

Other Specify [Question: Which of the following best describes your ethnic or racial heritage?]

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		335	96.8	96.8	96.8
	American	4	1.2	1.2	98.0
	German-American	1	.3	.3	98.3
	Human	1	.3	.3	98.6
	Indian	1	.3	.3	98.8
	Mixed	1	.3	.3	99.1
	Native American	3	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	346	100.0	100.0	

Q30-GENDER

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MALE	150	43.4	46.9	46.9
	FEMALE	170	49.1	53.1	100.0
	Total	320	92.5	100.0	
Missing	System	26	7.5		
Total		346	100.0		

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WEB Survey Respondent Comments

Do you have any comments about parks and recreation in Galveston County that you would like to share?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	220	63.6	63.6	63.6
#1 rebuild our dunes!	1	.3	.3	63.9
A dog park in the area would be great! Why is it necessary to put the zip code two times. I put it once to start the survey and again on the next screen?	1	.3	.3	64.2
a little more road planning and maintained	1	.3	.3	64.5
A network of hiking trails throughout the county would be ideal. Campgrounds along trails would be a plus	1	.3	.3	64.7
ALOT of folks get stuck in the deep sand getting to the Bolivar Beaches. Just pushing out sand once a month doesn't make it passable unless in a 4X4.	1	.3	.3	65.0
ALL vacant lots need to be mowed, I've seen rats (5"long plus tail) and snakes in Gulf Shores Subdivision(I have a house there) and it's a problem in all subdivisions down there.	1	.3	.3	65.3
Although the pace of development has slowed due to the recession, we must be vigilant about protecting and enhancing what natural, undeveloped land we have left, which is precious little.	1	.3	.3	65.6
Are u kidding me. Comments ha ha ha ha ha ha	1	.3	.3	65.9
At the risk of repetition, improve the Kitty Hawk runway to a chronic usable/flyable condition.....!!	1	.3	.3	65.9

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Believe a county owned kayak launch area on the west side of the island would be great. Carbide is the jewel and Mr Harris is doing a great job with it. would be great if we could have similar Carbide quality park on island	1	.3	.3	66.2
Birding tourism is enormously successful in Texas. Take advantage of that success. Birders have money!! Organized birding activities like kayaking remote areas and Christmas Bird Counts encourage local activities.	1	.3	.3	66.5
Bolivar is in sad shape for Parks	1	.3	.3	66.8
bolivar needs more actives for the young teenagers as there is nothing here for them.	1	.3	.3	67.1
Bolivar Peninsula needs up updated sand dunes.	1	.3	.3	67.3
Close beaches on Bolivar to motorized vehicles, add parking lots and designated beaches for tourists.	1	.3	.3	67.6
Conserve Natural Habitat!	1	.3	.3	67.9
Gal co. has done a great job recovering after the storm, time for the citizens to step up and help with ideas and funding.	1	.3	.3	68.2
Galveston County and the Bolivar Peninsula are treasures that should be enhanced, protected, and carefully developed.	1	.3	.3	68.5
Galveston County needs to clean beaches of trash and seaweed on a more timely basis. Fourth of July weekend in Crystal Beach and seaweed was not cleaned from beach. Beach was dirty for many visitors. More money from parking stickers needs to spent on the beach for improvements (showers, port o potties etc) and keeping beaches cleaner.	1	.3	.3	68.8

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Give the money back to the public. Lower salaries and eliminate incentives and perks.	1	.3	.3	69.1
Good job, keep it up	1	.3	.3	69.4
Hi, I live on the Bolivar Peninsula, and feel somewhat shorthanded on recreational facilities in our side of the water. For Example we do not have any baseball/softball fields where our children can play. Also not 1 tennis court, my husband and I love to play and know other people that like to too. All we need is 1 tennis court it doesn't have to be lighted and 1 lighted baseball field so little league can return to the peninsula. I see so many unused tennis courts on the island, can we just have one. And as for my children they are now 5 and nowhere to play ball, I would love to have little league started up over here, but have no field or resources. Please call me at 409 939 0546 if I could be any help on these projects. I would like to say, Fort Travis is beautiful and well kept, my children and I visit at least once a week.	1	.3	.3	69.7
How about a museum or something to give visitors some history	1	.3	.3	69.9
I believe people should be fined that leave garbage in the parks ,	1	.3	.3	70.2
I believe there should be a program for our teens who break the law to help clean up our parks, on a weekly basis!!	1	.3	.3	70.5
I do drive almost 30 minutes to use the dog park at Bay Area Park. It is a really nice facility that sees close to 1,000 people weekly. I would love to see a joint venture between the county and League City to build the League City Dog Park as it had originally been approved by League City Parks Board.	1	.3	.3	70.8

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<p>I enjoy public parks (developed and undeveloped) all across the state, and out of state. As a frequent recreational canoeist and kayaker what I need most is a safe place to park and access water. Same for birdwatching. I don't need or desire huge developed parks, just a place to stroll or paddle and enjoy my surroundings.</p>	1	.3	.3	71.1
<p>I have always felt that an RV park on Pelican Island would be a winner...Location, Location....</p>	1	.3	.3	71.4
<p>i have proudly owned house in crystal beach for 38 yrs. and now new one for almost 2 yrs</p>	1	.3	.3	71.7
<p>I love the idea of building boardwalks in preserve areas. I like the user fees if the funds are used only for the area or activity for what is being used...i.e. beach permit on Bolivar and they use the funds to drag the beach of sea weed and litter. Safety should be first, then preserving the beauty of the area.</p>	1	.3	.3	72.0
<p>I think it is time to pay more attention to the peninsula. True, the tax base is the lowest in the county I'm sure. But what better way to raise the amount of taxes coming in than to create an environment that more people want to visit as well as live?</p>	1	.3	.3	72.3
<p>I think that we might use County parks more often if there were one in Friendswood. I wonder if there might be opportunities for City/County cooperation on park facilities in this community.</p>	1	.3	.3	72.5
<p>I think the park long promised to San Leon-Bacliff area should be located on Broadway, with facilities for all</p>	1	.3	.3	72.8

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I think the parks department has grown tremendously and has done a good job maintaining the parks and developing what is needed to meet the needs of the citizens and visitors in Galveston County.	1	.3	.3	73.1
I think the santa fe area needs to be introduced to nature preservation/wildlife/birds etc.hiking and biking trails. I see coyote,coons,possums, bobcats,lots of diff birds, and they should be seen as an asset.There should be NO atv's 4 wheeling, etc.A park should be serene and natural.	1	.3	.3	73.4
I would be very interested in playing raquetball in North Galveston County	1	.3	.3	73.7
I would like to know who cooks for the seniors at the centers. I have occasionally taken my mother to Bacliff community center and she could not eat the food. It was horrible to look at and to taste. I think maybe the members of the parks board should have to eat lunch at these facilities.	1	.3	.3	74.0
I would like to see fitness trails at some of GC Parks.	1	.3	.3	74.3
I would like to see more softball fields, especially with lights.	1	.3	.3	74.6

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<p>I would like to see some attention given to Bolivar Peninsula and Crystal Beach plus Rollover Pass. I am against closing the cut at Rollover. People come fishing here and if closed, they will not have anyplace to fish. Protect the cut with jetties and if closed, there should be fishing piers built for people who come on vacation and those who just like to fish, to have a place to come. In my opinion, Bolivar Peninsula has been neglected since IKE. No rebuilding of dunes, parks etc. It seems to be that everything that is being done is being done by the people who live there. SH87 needs ditching along the Gulf side in a number of places. Water covers the road when it rains or a storm comes or even in a very high tide. This is scary for people who want to come to vacation because they don't know if they will be able to get in or get out on SH87! Two years later and our roads are still not ditched all the way and no dunes. Huge piles of sand were taken off the road and they are still right where they were after the hurricane. What is the plan for the restoration of the dunes? We have no protection in case of a hurricane!</p>	1	.3	.3	74.9
<p>Surely there is government grants available to replace the dunes! Galveston is getting their beaches redone. It would be nice if Bolivar and Crystal Beach could have some of that done too!!!!!!</p>				
<p>I would like to see the Bolivar Peninsula preserved and developed with as much attention as Galveston. It is time for both to unite and equally prosper, to become the finest areas to visit on the Gulf Coast.</p>	1	.3	.3	75.1

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<p>I would like to see the county do more for Crystal Beach. We still don't have our dunes replaced and the roads are still not repaired or at least some are not repaired. SH 87 has not been ditched along the part that is on the Gulf side near Rollover Pass and the "Bird Houses"! I can not understand why this has not been done almost 2 years after IKE! TXDOT says they don't have easements to do it but I don't understand how this can not be done especially for safety reasons. Water on the road can not be safe and closing of the road should not be an option! Ditching and dune building would really help! I don't feel like Galveston County is paying attention to Bolivar Peninsula like they should be. We have not had mosquito spraying like we did before IKE. People do not want to come to vacation where the roads are underwater and the mosquitoes eat you up! It has been very hard to get the peninsula back but the people are doing a great job and any help would be appreciated! Thank you. Margaret Hammons</p>	1	.3	.3	75.4
<p>I would love to see a wave pool such as the one in La Porte.</p>	1	.3	.3	75.7
<p>I've long said that if there were more for teenagers to do that we'd have a lot less juvenile delinquency. I see very little that would entice young people in the park areas. Basketball nets would be a good start, community pools would be good too. If I see teens hanging out in the parks, thats all they're doing, hanging out, smoking cigarettes etc.</p>	1	.3	.3	76.0
<p>improve and add on the Bolivar Peninsula</p>	1	.3	.3	76.3

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<p>In the San Leon/Bacliff area I would like to see a really nice sports complex like the League City area has (they have 2 plus Walter Hall). It should be able to take care of our Bayshore Little League and the older players. Also for Softball. We used to have an adult league down here that played at the Spillway called Salt Grass. Also nice scenic walking/joggin trails (well lit for early morning/late evening) folks who are trying to stay fit. Of course it should definitely allow dog walking. A dog park would be nice but you would have to worry about people keeping shots up to date and who would police that? It should be calm and scenic providing habitat for birds. Frisbee golf would be cool also..Seabrook has a nice park with that in it...anyway those are my comments..I hope it helps</p>	1	.3	.3	76.6
<p>its time to help bolivar grow, having nice facilities will make it nice for people. going to the beach for the day. I would like to see private lockers on the beach like florida annual fee to home owners.</p>	1	.3	.3	76.9
<p>Jack brooks would be a great location for a dog park. Please include a dog swimming pond in dog park.</p>	1	.3	.3	77.2
<p>kayaking kayaking kayaking</p>	1	.3	.3	77.5
<p>Keep Rollover Pass</p>	1	.3	.3	77.7
<p>Keep the Cut at Rollover Pass. Improve and maintain the public boat ramp near the Cut.</p>	1	.3	.3	78.0
<p>Lights at Ray Holbrook in Dickinson. Those kids cant play past dark. It is unfair and has been that way for a long time.</p>	1	.3	.3	78.3

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<p>Look at livable communities like Seattle & Philadelphia's wonderful downtown courtyards/gathering squares for inspirational ideas. We've got the parks with plenty of big shaded oaks, but could use large courtyards with permanent benches/walls to just socialize outdoors with family and friends. And please, please don't waste my money on a dog park! Put that money for the people. Like myself, not everyone has a dog.</p>	1	.3	.3	78.6
<p>look forward to a masterplan that includes a bolivar beach district</p>	1	.3	.3	78.9
<p>Master Garden area at Carbide Park is great and well maintained by the volunteer program</p>	1	.3	.3	79.2
<p>More efforts to conserve land along our bayous and creeks would be great. It would be nice to see running, hiking and bike trails along these corridors. Also, more access to water by canoes and kayaks is needed. All these amenities would be a great way to promote quality-of-life living and tourism for Galveston County.</p>	1	.3	.3	79.5
<p>More variety for all age groups.</p>	1	.3	.3	79.8
<p>need antoher park in the Bacliff/san Leon area. bayshore is very crowded with BB teams & weekend fishing</p>	1	.3	.3	80.1
<p>Need expanded restroom and shower facilities. Feel like County should find money in other budget areas to expand the facilities. County budget is too big.</p>	1	.3	.3	80.3
<p>need lots of work on dunes and highway of Bolivar Peninsula.</p>	1	.3	.3	80.6

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Need more trash cans and quicker trash clean up on Bolivar Beach. 1 sheriff's deputy is carrying a grudge for being assigned to Bolivar and is harassing golfcart riders rudely!!!!Absolutely disrespectful!!Needs to be fired!!!	1	.3	.3	80.9
Need the RV parks at Sea Wolf Park and Bayshore.	1	.3	.3	81.2
Need to limit development of sensitive area's. Road and bridge needs to stop spraying herbicide in watersheds and bayous. Looks unsightly seeing all that dead vegetation in scenic waterways.	1	.3	.3	81.5
Never ever pay to install a dog park!	1	.3	.3	81.8
no	1	.3	.3	82.1
None	1	.3	.3	82.4
NORTH COUNTY facilities N-O-W !!!	1	.3	.3	82.7
Not at this time	1	.3	.3	82.9
On Bolivar all we have is Ft Travis that is manned and safe.Faggerd park is over run with the homeless that are drunk so it is not safe to take kids.the boat ramp on yacht basin rd is ok but parking is lacking. East of Crystal Beach to High ISLAND needs help POLICE,DPS for the illegal gambling,DEPUTIES for the glass containers on the beach,the drugs that are rampant and the public intoxication, clean bathrooms,concessions,shower facilities,trash containers that are not in the water and picked up on a regular basis,and the game wardens to get folks that are illegally fishing and keeping undersize fish.	1	.3	.3	83.2

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Overall, I would like to see Galveston Island promote beautiful flowers in everyone's yard & commercial places to bring back the Island back to it beautiful state before IKE. Even promote a FREE plant exchange or donations from the community as a joint effort. At the moment our beautiful Island looks bare. Thank you!	1	.3	.3	83.5
Parks are our places to enjoy life and unwind. We need more green spaces developed befor we lose them.	1	.3	.3	83.8
Parks are such a quality of life issue, maybe with more open space, opportunities for recreation we could decrease anxiety in citizens and reduce angry, criminal behavior.	1	.3	.3	84.1
Please beautify the parks so it will start attracting more clients to the parks.	1	.3	.3	84.4
Please build dog parks! Our county doesn't have anywhere for our dear pups to socialize and have fun with other doggies. We have no kids therefore our dogs ARE our kids and should be able to enjoy the park just as kids do.	1	.3	.3	84.7
Please designate more areas of Bolivar beach where motor vehicles are banned. Public parking would help. Thank you!	1	.3	.3	85.0
Please do not build a dog park! I have been to the dog park near Armand Bayou and it was a terrible experience with misbehaved, agressive dogs and poor owners, dog waste everywhere, and eroded and compacted soil. Won't ever go to a dog park again. And it looks to be a source of bacteria to our waterwatys. A bad idea in my humble opinion!!!	1	.3	.3	85.3

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<p>Please put the money to good use. Talk to the people on Bolivar Peninsula, they have some great ideas. Make sure that funding projects is a fair and balanced process.</p> <p>Many on the Bolivar Peninsula feel that more attention and funding is dedicated to Galveston. Please show the residents and tourists that you care. Thank you.</p>	1	.3	.3	85.5
<p>Really would love to have a safe biking trail in Galveston. the Seawall is not a safe place to bike.</p>	1	.3	.3	85.8
<p>Rebuild the Dunes</p>	1	.3	.3	86.1

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<p>Regarding the lots on Bolivar Peninsula that have been acquired by the County through the buy-out program - Please do not inconvenience the property owners who enjoy this wonderful area. Since they have not chosen to be part of the buy-out opportunity, they should not be punished with the construction of facilities that would detract from the beach houses enjoyed by our grandchildren. We rebuilt after the storm and it does not seem reasonable that in your zest to enhance the beaches for visitors, that our new home would be less enjoyable. We live in Sand Castle at 3190 Sea Castle. It is our understanding that one of the buy-out lots is directly between us and the beach on Gulf Castle. My wife and I are old retired-types and have eleven grandchildren. If we may be of assistance in the development of this project, please do not hesitate to contact us. I was Superintendent of Schools in Galveston 1980-1983, and understand the importance of involving the community in these decisions, and I am confident that Galveston County will exercise admirable responsibility in the development and utilization of this property. Mary and Wayne Blevins 3190 Sea Castle Crystal Beach, Texas 77650 512-327-8939 wama@austin.rr.com</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>.3</p>	<p>.3</p>	<p>86.4</p>
<p>review the policies at Crystal beach and improve the work habits and concern that county employees have towards visitors. Improve cleanup and access to beach. Little effort has been directed towards CB, it's always about Gal. We pay taxes also.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>.3</p>	<p>.3</p>	<p>86.7</p>

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<p>San Leon (Bay Shore Park) see's a good bit of traffic most of the year, there are many visitors at our little park, I believe if our park were updated and could produce not only more fun for paid activities, one that would generate a revenue! I for one would love to see a out door concert pavilion or a mini amphitheater with concession stands, which by the way could be leased out by the county for revenue! Now I would be very interested opening a concession - Just a thought. Thank you kindly. Ms Ginger Grutzius of San Leon</p>	1	.3	.3	87.0
<p>San leon and Bolivar would be great palces for green projects, Also mulit prupose park areas located ajacnet to local fire departments so recreational use then can double as staging areas post hurricanes. Muple small parks and every building or pavilliion should hve several uses. All multipurpose. and Playgrounds for small children, ie jungle gyms shuld have cover because of the heat and sun...thank you.</p>	1	.3	.3	87.3
<p>San Leon is in need of a change. Something needs to be add on to the Bayshore Park. Dog Park, Music stage. Volley Ball pit.</p>	1	.3	.3	87.6
<p>Since you closed the horse arena in League City I have just had to stay home, walking through 3 feet of mud at Jack Brooks does not work for me.</p>	1	.3	.3	87.9
<p>swimming pools and swimmings lessons greatly needed</p>	1	.3	.3	88.2
<p>Take a look at useage, and those that are not being used need to be closed down and sold. Some are a waste of time and money due to low attendance.</p>	1	.3	.3	88.4
<p>Thank you for considering our opinions.</p>	1	.3	.3	88.7
<p>Thanks for the survey</p>	1	.3	.3	89.0

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<p>The Bolivar Peninsula is consistently short changed in every area, except County Sheriff's department, in receiving county funding and support.</p>	1	.3	.3	89.3
<p>The Bolivar Peninsula took such a hit with Hurricane Ike and the parks there are still not improved after two years.</p>	1	.3	.3	89.6
<p>The current park facilities are too heavily orientated to organized youth sport activities. These fields should be paid for by the youth sports. The County needs to work on trails and preservation. Low impact activities and more for the older residents of the community which are not even mentioned in the survey. The county needs to be looking a new property in the northwest part of the county for a new larger park and more property along the bayous. Consider cooperating with the cities for hike and bike trails.</p>	1	.3	.3	89.9
<p>The number of acres devoted to parks is shockingly small and yet this County has an overabundance of marginal land that can't be improved by development (due to flood elevation, etc). Why not use more of that land to improve social access to the outdoors? It can't really be used for other purposes anyway!</p>	1	.3	.3	90.2
<p>The single biggest need is a dog park! It is sad that not a single dog park exists in Galveston County. I also do not want to see any of the parks turned into a circus with the addition of water parks, concession stands, and lots of festivals. Keep them natural. Stress conservation. Provide nature trails, hiking trails, jogging trails.</p>	1	.3	.3	90.5
<p>there are no parks in walking distance in port bolivar and we need something for adults and children</p>	1	.3	.3	90.8

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There are no water park playgrounds on any parks around me.	1	.3	.3	91.0
There have been repeated master park plans for a new park in the Bayshore Area. It seems we keep going over the same old thing time after time and nothing gets built. HOW many more surveys do you need to implement what previous meetings over the last 15 years have produced. Get busy and use the money that the county has from the sale of the Holly RV park in San Leon and build a new Bayshoe Park	1	.3	.3	91.3
There is a need for kayaking access in many areas of Galveston County.	1	.3	.3	91.6
There needs to be more promotion of Galveston county. Galveston county and galveston used to be in the media a lot more back in the 1980's. There used to be radio station sponsored beach parties and events. You could do a lot more to promote local events. You also need to have family friendly events where families feel safe to come to Galveston.	1	.3	.3	91.9
This is an excellent survey!	1	.3	.3	92.2
Tourism in Galveston county is our biggest asset but it should be funded by users fees	1	.3	.3	92.5

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<p>Trash should be picked up on Bolivar P's beaches more often, its a beautiful beach and when the trash is overflowing all of the public cans, it really takes away from the beauty. As much as I appreciate the local police keeping Bolivar safe, there has recently been a new officer added to the force who has made it very clear that he does not want to work on the peninsula, almost to the point of harassment. I love our beaches and want them safe as much as anyone, but when you have one officer using it as a hunting ground to vent his frustrations, it's really not about keeping it safe anymore.</p>	1	.3	.3	92.8
<p>Washington Park on 61st street, while a small park, is important to the area. It is the *last* park on Galveston Island that the county operates (with the city having taken over the pocket parks), and while it goes against Judge Yarbrough's wishes of "only supporting large, regional parks", its a shame that this asset has been ignored. I wish the BBQ area and picnic shelter would be brought back too.</p>	1	.3	.3	93.1
<p>We are fortunate to have the areas we have. I promote protection, upkeep and maintenance for what we have. We need to be good stewards of these special areas. I have visited other communities that have more green areas and would love to have more, but I don't see that as a reality right now.</p>	1	.3	.3	93.4

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<p>We badly, badly, badly need safe corridors for biking and jogging and walking. The idea of making highways (FM 1764 for example) with a shoulder for biking is just too dangerous. We see lots of bikers and runners and walkers that are forced to choose to either bike right next to cars going 55 mph or just stay indoors. I think it would be GREAT to see Gal Cty have a network or paths for bikers, joggers, walkers, and I would be willing to help pay for that!</p>	1	.3	.3	93.6
<p>We drive by almost every day / evening at Walter Hall Park. We do special events at the park. The cost is to high for what kind of service we get. Maintance is poor. The communications at the Hitchcock Parks Office has no customer service skills. We see the Building Empty many weekends. Thanks</p>	1	.3	.3	93.9
<p>We have them and we should be proud of them and KEEP care of them all the time. Maintenance of what we have</p>	1	.3	.3	94.2
<p>We need a community center and park in the San Leon, Bacliff area as there is only one small park available for the whole coastal area at present.</p>	1	.3	.3	94.5
<p>we need a community center that is ample for public meetings, social activities. Putting a lot of money into a large park is OK but use wise I believe the Community Center is urgent and will be used daily.</p>	1	.3	.3	94.8
<p>we need a dog park badly..how much does it cost to put up a fence and a shade pavlion..not much..get of your duffs</p>	1	.3	.3	95.1

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<p>We need a dog park. We have many baseball/softball/soccer fields which go unused most of the year. The dogs have to be on leash everywhere they go. They need a place to run and play and socialize. Galveston County has many wildlife areas which are unique to this area, and need to be protected.</p>	1	.3	.3	95.4
<p>We need a master plan park in the Bayshore communities of Bacliff, Bayview and San Leon.</p>	1	.3	.3	95.7
<p>We need a Senior Center with ammenities such as a pool and excercise facilities and meeting rooms</p>	1	.3	.3	96.0
<p>We need a soccer park that our kids can practice and play soccer. We need to be able to host soccer tournements which will bring extensive hotel motel tax revenue to the cities and people to the couty</p>	1	.3	.3	96.2
<p>We need more improvements in the Kemah/Bacliff/San Leon area. Even some rural counties I have visited have better park systems. I am tired of traveling out of the county to camp and play.</p>	1	.3	.3	96.5
<p>We need to help our Nation achieve our National Goal of Energy Independence and Combat Climate Change and Sea Level Rise. The ice is melting! If we fail at this, nothing else will matter. It'll All be underwater, and soon too....</p>	1	.3	.3	96.8

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<p>We need to KEEP and expand activities for horse people. More attention needs to be given to the ground conditions and keep the rent fee's low enough to attract events such as barrel racing associations. In the winter when it rains so much, there is a huge need to ride at the covered arena at Jack Brooks. When the ropers are using the arena, no one else can use it as it's too dangerous. The steers and ropers will run over you and your horse if riding. No other event keeps other riders from using the arena at the same time. A lot of riders wind up driving to La Porte and using the Lomax arena as it's covered and the ground is kept in safe condition for running and turning event practice. We in Galveston County shouldn't have to do that, and there are a LOT of us in this County that do ride and not rope.</p>	1	.3	.3	97.1
<p>Wetlands need to be protected to insure recreation opportunities for the future.</p>	1	.3	.3	97.4
<p>What about galvestons seawall? It could be fabulous with smooth surface and some basic amenities.</p>	1	.3	.3	97.7
<p>Where is the park promised to San Leon???</p>	1	.3	.3	98.0
<p>With such a beautiful area it should be utilized for human and nature events.</p>	1	.3	.3	98.3
<p>with the extra money the parking sticker program on the bolivar peninsula has at the end of every year why isn't more spent on trash cans or beach clean up! something we all here thought the money would be used for</p>	1	.3	.3	98.6
<p>would like to use a county park more but there is not addiquate facilities in the communitities of bayview,bacliff, andsan leon.</p>	1	.3	.3	98.8

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<p>Would love to see a really nice dog park in the North County area. It need not be fancy or expensive. City of Ruidoso, NM has a really nice park with trees, open space, benches, and a water fountain for humans and pets. There are identical fenced areas for small dogs and large dogs.</p>	1	.3	.3	99.1
<p>would love to see development of parks in Bolivar and Crystal Beach</p>	1	.3	.3	99.4
<p>Would REALLY like to see a dog park somewhere in the county! Part of the problem with aggressive dogs is lack of socialization, and this would help tremendously.</p>	1	.3	.3	99.7
<p>Would support parks and recreation in galveston county WITHOUT politics, nepotism and bs</p>	1	.3	.3	100.0
Total	346	100.0	100.0	



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Re: 2011-2021 Master Plan Review

Dear Dennis:

Our review of your 2011 parks and recreation master plan has been completed. All of the standard requirements identified in the "Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Guidelines" have been met. The County will now qualify for planning points under item two of the Recreation Grant Project Priority Scoring System.

The 82nd Texas Legislature has suspended all Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA), and all Large County & Municipality Recreation and Parks Account funding for the FY 2012-2013 biennium. The following grant programs are affected by these cuts; Outdoor Recreation, Indoor Recreation, Small Community, Urban Outdoor, Urban Indoor, and the Community Outdoor Outreach Program. Limited federal funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund may be available for some of these programs.

To be notified of future grant deadlines, please sign up for our email updates at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants> . Please contact me at 512-389-8712 if you have any questions.

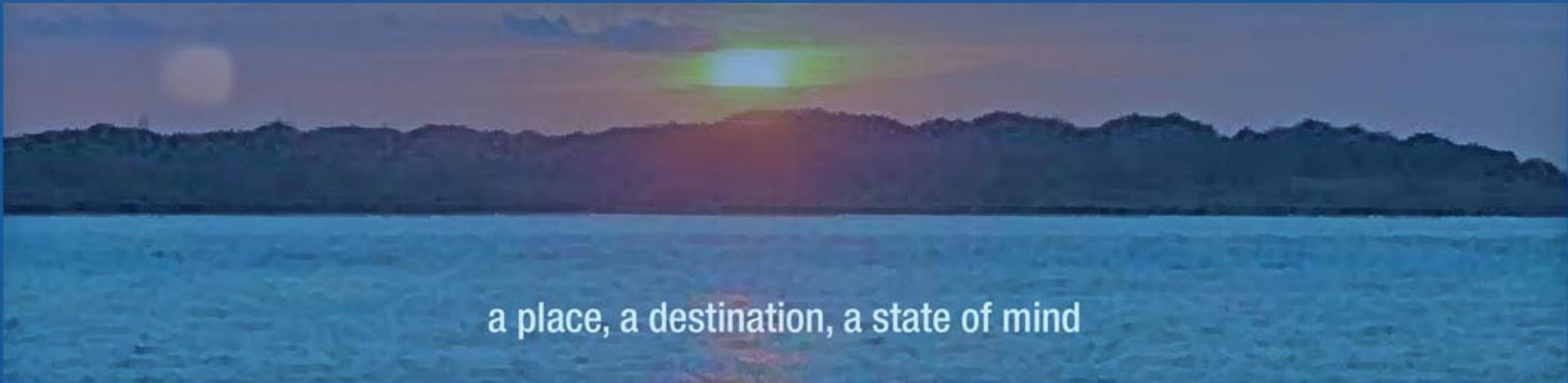
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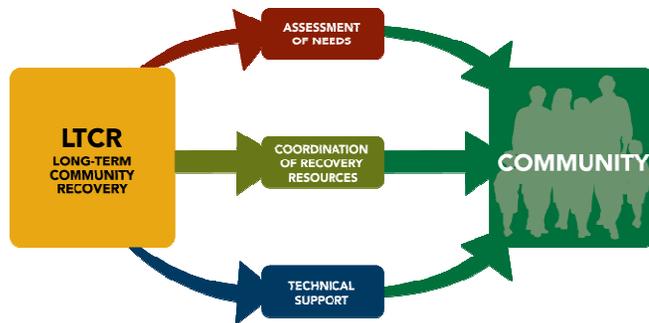
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Executive Summary

Long-Term Community Recovery (LTCR) is a coordinated effort of Galveston County and the Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee with support from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Support Function (ESF) #14 Long-Term Community Recovery (LTCR). During early stages of the recovery planning process the LTCR team in partnership with Galveston County provided targeted recovery support and technical assistance resources to assist Bolivar Peninsula to develop a recovery vision, goals, objectives and recovery strategies. This is the second phase of the recovery *Plan* and provides specific information for recovery projects. The LTCR process, in partnership with local leaders, provided coordination, planning and facilitation assistance to the community. This assistance identified specific recovery recommendations, projects and strategies. Efforts focused on opportunities that can positively affect recovery and ongoing development.



Recovery projects described in this section of the *Plan* support the premise that Bolivar Peninsula is an important tourist and second home destination in Galveston County; as well as a working coast. Community members that participated in the Blueprint process seek to rebuild the Peninsula as a safe and sustainable place to live, work and visit. They have identified a set of recovery projects that seek to increase opportunities for workforce housing, recruit workers and new business,

expand education opportunities, and increase environmental awareness and nature tourism.

This section of the Bolivar Blueprint serves as a guide to community recovery decision-making. It is intended that local governing bodies coordinate LTCR identified strategies, initiatives and projects and identify implementation priorities. This *Plan* is not a set of specific recovery instructions. Recovery specifics change over time and recovery activities evolve as initiatives are undertaken or as more details become known. It is important to be flexible and assess changes based on the community's vision for its recovery and overall principles of the LTCR process. This *Plan* will guide the residents of Bolivar Peninsula as they make decisions related to recovery.

While the community and Galveston County will be the primary users of this *Plan*, State and Federal partners in the long-term recovery effort may also use this document to assist in community recovery. Other agencies may need to be involved in order for the community to acquire needed funding for project implementation. The project write-ups provided in this document, along with the project development worksheets will be instrumental in making application for project funding. The Texas Resource Guide (provided with the Blueprint CD ROM) is another tool that will help to identify potential funding organizations and identify funding eligibility criteria for recovery projects.

LTCR projects are collaboratively developed between the community and the LTCR Team. These projects are designed to achieve the community's post-disaster vision and may have an impact beyond their original scope or purpose. Project write-ups identify existing conditions and include a project description, the goal of the project, and a list of action steps. Individuals and organizations within the community are urged to coordinate and cooperate with the County, the regional agency and other officials throughout the implementation phase.

Introduction

The Bolivar Blueprint document completed in May 2009 was a first step toward recovery for residents and leaders in Bolivar Peninsula. The Blueprint document established a vision for recovery:

“A rebuilt Bolivar Peninsula will be a resilient, affordable, and safe place to live where residents and visitors enjoy nature and recreation in a diverse community of small businesses, families, and neighborhoods close to water and beaches. It will be built with respect for the environment and developed with sustainable land use, infrastructure, and community services.”

The Bolivar Blueprint process established goals and objectives as well as recovery strategies that will be used to guide the development of recovery projects for this part of the plan.

Since completion, county elected officials and the Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee have continued to work with the community and the LTCR Team to develop projects related to housing, economy, parks, recreation, and tourism, transportation/infrastructure, environment, education and human services. Recovery projects for Bolivar Peninsula

were developed to compliment and build on existing recovery programs currently moving forward, such as:

Housing – Galveston County Housing Recovery Assistance Program is a \$99 million program administered by Galveston County to help homeowners repair or rebuild Hurricane Ike-damaged homes.

Infrastructure – There are two projects being undertaken by the county; a storm drainage master plan, the second is a wastewater treatment master plan. There is also a private sewage treatment company that can provide sewage hook-ups to residents as they undertake the rebuilding process.

Another infrastructure project is the elevation of State Highway 87. Increasing the elevation of the finished pavement for highway 87 is underway for areas at the ferry landing and between Gilchrist and State Highway 124. Additional study is also underway for potentially realigning and/or additional highway elevation at Highway 124.

Note: For a brief history of Bolivar Peninsula, please see Appendix B.



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List of Acronyms

▪ BFE	Base Flood Elevation	▪ GLO	Texas General Land Office
▪ BPSUD	Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District	▪ H-GAC	Houston-Galveston Area Council
▪ CCN	Certificate of Convenience and Necessity	▪ HIISD	High Island Independent School District
▪ CBRA	Coastal Barrier Resources Act of 1982	▪ HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
▪ CDBG	Community Development Block Grants	▪ HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
▪ DHS	Department of Homeland Security	▪ LiMWA	Limit of Moderate Wave Action
▪ DOC	U.S. Department of Commerce	▪ MAT	Mitigation Assessment Team
▪ DOD	U.S. Department of Defense	▪ MUD	Municipal Utility District
▪ DOI	U.S. Department of the Interior	▪ NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
▪ EDA	Economic Development Administration	▪ NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
▪ EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	▪ ORCA	Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs
▪ EMS	Emergency Medical Services	▪ PA	Public Assistance
▪ ESD	Emergency Services District	▪ TPWD	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
▪ ESF #14	Emergency Support Function #14	▪ TXDEQ	Texas Department of Environmental Quality
▪ FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	▪ TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
▪ FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map	▪ USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
▪ FWS	Fish and Wildlife Services	▪ USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
▪ GCAD	Galveston County Central Appraisal District	▪ VFD	Volunteer Fire Department
▪ GISD	Galveston Independent School District	▪ WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant
▪ GIWW	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway		

1. Housing

The Peninsula has five distinct residential communities, these include (from west to east); Port Bolivar, Crystal Beach, Caplen, Gilchrist and High Island. Each of these communities suffered damage and destruction related to Hurricane Ike with the areas of Gilchrist and Caplen bearing the brunt force of the storm. Of the nearly 5,500 homes on the Peninsula, approximately 3,300 were destroyed and an additional 2,090 were left standing but were damaged. A key recovery issue identified by residents was to include development of housing that working families could afford. Having housing that was affordable for persons that worked in businesses such as commercial fishing and restaurants/bars that serve visitors are important to the economic recovery of the Peninsula. Bolivar Peninsula has a colorful history that includes pirates and oil barrens, and has many families that have resided here for multiple generations. Although the Peninsula has become a popular beach playground, for many of the more than 3,800 residents, Bolivar Peninsula is home, and has been for more than 150 years. The combination of this sense of history, love for “life on the Peninsula” and opportunities for rebuilding, led the Housing Steering Committee to establish the following goals and objectives:

Goal:

Establish safe, sustainable, and affordable housing.

Objectives:

- Replace and repair housing to ease the housing deficiency caused by Hurricane Ike
- Utilize state and Federal programs to support efforts that provide affordable housing on the Peninsula
- Rebuild homes in a manner that enables them to withstand future storm events with minimal damage and minimizes the cost to insure



- Educate homeowners and builders about “Green” building practices, such as incorporating Energy Star appliances and super insulation, and other measures to reduce energy and resource use to make housing more affordable
- Educate residents and builders about hazard mitigation building techniques and the potential benefits of utilizing stronger, safer, and better mitigation practices, such as reduced insurance premiums and reduced damages from future storms
- Promote awareness of available programs such as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-qualify housing plans so that construction of affordable units can begin as soon as funding is available
- Establish an outreach program to contact people who might qualify for assistance through nonprofit and volunteer housing assistance organizations

Recovery Projects related to housing include:

Housing Resource Center

There are two focus areas for the Housing Resource Center. The first is to provide assistance to fellow residents through developing an understanding of housing recovery programs, options, and



opportunities. The second is to operate as a branch of the Peninsula Development Coalition to develop work-force housing.

Providing effective assistance to fellow residents will require coordination and cooperation with public, private, and faith-based organizations that have programs or assistance available to disaster affected residents. The objective fulfilled by establishing a Housing Resource Center will meet the needs of all Peninsula residents who must rebuild or find a home after the disaster. Key activities undertaken by the Housing Resource Center include:

- Providing homeowners, renters, builders, and developers information about financial assistance and housing options.
- Providing information and assistance in a targeted user-friendly environment to support informed decisions
- Providing information about:
 - Affordable Housing Design
 - Sustainable Building Concepts
 - Consumer Protection and Insurance Advocacy
 - Housing financing and funding opportunities for home buyers, builders, developers, government and non-profit entities
 - Information/Assistance with permitting and inspection processes
 - Financial counseling
 - Home-buying seminars

At start-up, the Housing Resource Center office could be located within the Joe Faggard Community Center. Another alternative would be to co-locate the office space within an existing real estate sales office or the proposed business incubator building.

The Housing Resource Center, as a branch of the Peninsula Development Coalition (PenDeCo) would be responsible for developing

partnerships that will create 100 units of workforce housing over the next five years.

Pre Disaster Population and Housing	Year 2000	Post Disaster Housing	Year 2008
Total Population	3853	Units damaged	~2090
Total Housing Units	5425	Units destroyed	~3300
Households	1801		

Figure 2. Table of Housing Data (numbers derived from original Bolivar Blueprint Document)

Financial Consideration

The Housing Resource Center would require initial funding for the cost of office space and staff. After start-up funding, it would be the function of the staff to work toward becoming self-sustaining by pursuing funding for continued operation.

Action Steps

- Establish the PenDeCo 501 c 3 organization
- Develop a non-profit housing business plan
- Work with the County to identify potential sites for workforce housing
- Identify a local person to be the volunteer coordinator
- Develop a program for qualifying persons for workforce housing
- Coordinate with faith based and other volunteer organizations
- Establish guidelines for ensuring that pricing for workforce housing remains affordable and provides adequate revenue to re-pay debt and maintain the units.



There are three scenarios related to workforce housing development. The first is to establish a partnership with High Island Independent School District to continue the use of the current FEMA trailer site. This site has existing utilities and streets and could be quickly redeveloped as a workforce housing project. Income generated from rental of the units could benefit the school and Housing Resource Center.

The second scenario considers opportunities to develop workforce housing in Port Bolivar. The Port Bolivar project would require the Housing Resource Center to acquire land and/or existing homes and build/rehabilitate these units. Property developed through PenDeCo/Housing Resource Center would generate income for repaying debt, maintaining the units and paying for administration of the organization.

The third scenario seeks to become a partner in the development of market rate beach housing. This proposal calls for a 20% partnership in the development of a major beach front project (250+units). The 20% stake would provide rental revenue to the Housing Resource Center. This rental revenue would be combined with other funding sources and used to develop workforce housing in areas such as Port Bolivar and High Island.

These scenarios are based on a business plan and intended to generate positive revenue for PenDeCo. PenDeCo would then utilize this revenue to invest in other community related projects from the Bolivar Blueprint.

Financial Considerations

The Housing Resource Center would require initial funding for the cost of office space and staff. After start-up funding, it would be the function of the staff to work toward becoming self-sustaining by pursuing funding for continued operation.

The Peninsula Development Coalition (PenDeCo) is a nonprofit business entity funded from public and private sources that has developed a business plan enabling income generated from business ventures to support implementation of Bolivar Blueprint recovery projects. The mission of the corporation is to develop projects that serve the residents and businesses of the Peninsula. PenDeCo is working to identify a range of potential funding options including public and private funds. The Housing Resource Center and Development projects seek support and financial assistance from future rounds of the Community Development Block Grant program for property acquisition and propose to leverage private resources to support the development of workforce housing. Capital from banks in the form of low interest loans and from individuals and philanthropic foundations in the form of donations is anticipated. Housing rehabilitation can be achieved through volunteer labor and donated materials and contracting with local builders.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

Housing Resource Center - \$ _____
Workforce Housing Scenario 1 - \$ _____
Workforce Housing Scenario 2 - \$ _____

Proposed Funding

\$ _____

Funding Gaps

\$ _____

Potential Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*.
Local banks
Volunteer agencies



Private donations and foundation funding

Notes from Galveston County:

CDBG HOUSING PROGRAM

After a lengthy grant application process, Galveston County, in July 2009, was awarded \$93 million to provide a variety of housing repair and replacement options for citizens impacted by Hurricane Ike. The funds, provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, will be used to repair, rehabilitate, elevate, and in some cases replace approximately 1,500 homes in Galveston County. Since the largest concentration of damaged or destroyed homes was on Bolivar Peninsula, most of the funds will be spent restoring the housing stock there.

Home repairs and reconstruction were expected to begin in late spring 2010 and continue through 2011. Since the inception of the program, the Galveston County Commissioners Court has emphasized a desire to hire local contractors to assist with the work, to the extent allowed by law. A second round of housing funds is scheduled to be allocated in mid-2011, to ensure that funds will be available for every eligible homeowner.

Unfortunately, the program has significant eligibility and income requirements that likely will prevent many applicants from qualifying for assistance.

HMGP BUYOUT AND ELEVATION PROGRAM

Galveston County, through its consultant Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc., sought \$103 million in federal funds from the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and received an initial award in January 2010. The funds will be used to purchase properties that were severely damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Ike. Though more than 1,000 citizens expressed an interest in being bought out after the hurricane, the Galveston County Commissioners Court had the difficult task of determining which acquisitions would serve a public purpose despite being removed from the tax rolls forever.



Ultimately the court agreed to purchase approximately 600 properties, nearly all of them along the Bolivar Peninsula beachfront and in the devastated community of Gilchrist. The properties will be cleared of debris and remain in their natural state in perpetuity, though some may be used to enhance park and recreational opportunities on the peninsula.

IKE RECOVERY FUND

Shortly after Hurricane Ike, Galveston Island's well-known foundations combined forces to create a source of non-government dollars for recovery purposes. They created the Ike Fund, and invited representatives of the City of Galveston and County of Galveston to participate on a board that would assist with soliciting for donations, reviewing grant applications, and awarding assistance.

In addition to providing hundreds of thousands of donated dollars for home repairs countywide, the Ike Fund helped many needy individuals buy furniture and appliances, and assisted many houses of worship with repairs so that services could be restored. This included \$100,000 for Bolivar Peninsula's churches, several of which endured 8-10 feet of storm surge or severe roof damage that rendered the facilities uninhabitable. These Bolivar churches used primarily local volunteers and labor to make repairs

2. Economy

The economy of the Peninsula was hard hit by the hurricane. Prior to Hurricane Ike, unemployment was below 3%; and half of the population 16 years of age or older were employed¹. In addition local entrepreneurs made up a 12% share of the economy, which indicates that there were many small business ventures on the Peninsula. The

¹ 2000 U.S. Census Data

small size and relative seclusion of the Peninsula creates unique opportunities for small business. The hurricane damaged or destroyed most businesses; after 18 months relatively few businesses have reopened. The loss of businesses and households due to the disaster has had a devastating effect on the economy.

In response to the impacts of the hurricane, the Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee established an Economic Subcommittee with the charge of identifying projects that would help restart the Peninsula economy. The following goals and objectives were identified to support disaster recovery:

Goal

Establish a diverse and resilient economy on Bolivar Peninsula.

Objectives

- Establish a program to provide small business opportunities and support
- Re-establish the economy of Bolivar Peninsula by repairing park facilities
- Provide opportunities for eco-tourism
- Re-establish tourism economy by providing better access, clean beaches, public safety, and affordable housing
- Provide basic services, such as grocery stores, for residents of Bolivar Peninsula

The Economic Subcommittee identified opportunities related to nature tourism, tourism, small business development, casino gaming, and business recruitment to help the local economy recover. The subcommittee also recognized that workforce housing, infrastructure, education, and the environment all play essential roles in Peninsula recovery. Based on these interrelated issues, the subcommittee proposes to establish the Peninsula Development Coalition (PenDeCo)

as an umbrella organization for implementing Bolivar Blueprint recovery projects.

The organization of PenDeCo includes branch divisions (Housing, Economy, Infrastructure, Quality of Life, and Administrative). Each branch will take responsibility for implementing recovery projects and coordinating project implementation between branches. The Economic Development Branch of PenDeCo has identified the following recovery projects:

- Business Incubator and Small Business Support
- Beach District(s) (Tourism and Beach Enhancement Program)
- Business Recruitment
 - Navigation District
 - Casino Gaming

Business Incubator and Bolivar Small Business Coalition

Small businesses on Bolivar Peninsula were severely impacted and displaced; re-establishing business and recruiting new employment will help stabilize the Peninsula and enable long-term economic success. Small businesses operate on tight margins and recovery will require a wide range of support. A business incubator provides support for small or start-up businesses, including management guidance and technical assistance. Businesses typically stay in an incubator for two to three years, at which time they are stable enough to move to their own space.

Creation of a business incubator would allow small businesses to pay modest rents during their entry/start-up phase. Rents could then be graduated slowly over the period of occupancy. Businesses evolve out of the incubator into permanent lease or ownership opportunities. The incubator would promote long-term stability and success of small businesses by providing key support during the critical first years. In addition to accessing below-market rents, occupant businesses would receive technical assistance support.



This project will seed long-term economic renewal for the Peninsula and provide an attractive building that will encourage tourism and generate additional retail traffic. Its location along State Highway 87 will be the epicenter of the Peninsula’s small business revival. The Incubator will offer small businesses access to affordable space and a place for support that could include employee professional development and access to shared resource space such as a copy/print center and conference and meeting rooms.

This project proposed to construct a 10,000 square foot, two-level retail and service-sector office space. The project should be built using design standards that set an example for the community. The lower level could provide space for diverse cultural and business establishments such as:

- Full-service restaurant
- Coffee-shop/bakery/ice cream and/or
- Art gallery
- Visitor Center/Cultural Center

The upper level could provide space for the following:

- Copy/print center
- Multi-use/community use room or studio for dance/martial arts/exercise classes
- Professional service-sector offices with shared reception space
- Small kitchenette.

Action Steps

- Seek out support from the regional agency, local university, or other programs to provide small business support/technical assistance.
- Develop criteria, administer an application and review process that takes into account the urgency of retail/professional services, pre-disaster small business status and other considerations to identify small businesses eligible to be established in the incubator.

- Hire a staff person to provide project and program support to the incubator. This staff person could also be cooperatively engaged with the Peninsula Development Coalition.

Sustainable opportunities

Design the building for sustainable reuse.

Design the building to serve as a model for efficient, durable, and sustainable building practices.

Design to LEED Platinum certification standards.

Establish an energy efficiency program to achieve a 50% reduction in utility expenses.

Financial Considerations

The small business incubator project could be developed by the Peninsula Development Coalition or other nonprofit business entity. Funding for this project will be sought through public grants as well as private donations and business loans. The business model for the incubator building would be to provide below market rental rates to qualifying small businesses and to recoup costs associated with repaying debt, administration, operation and maintenance costs through rental fees. Grant funding, used to subsidize the construction of the building (along with constructing the building to be highly energy efficient) will be crucial to ensuring that the incubator will function as intended.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

\$3,500,000

Proposed Funding

To be determined

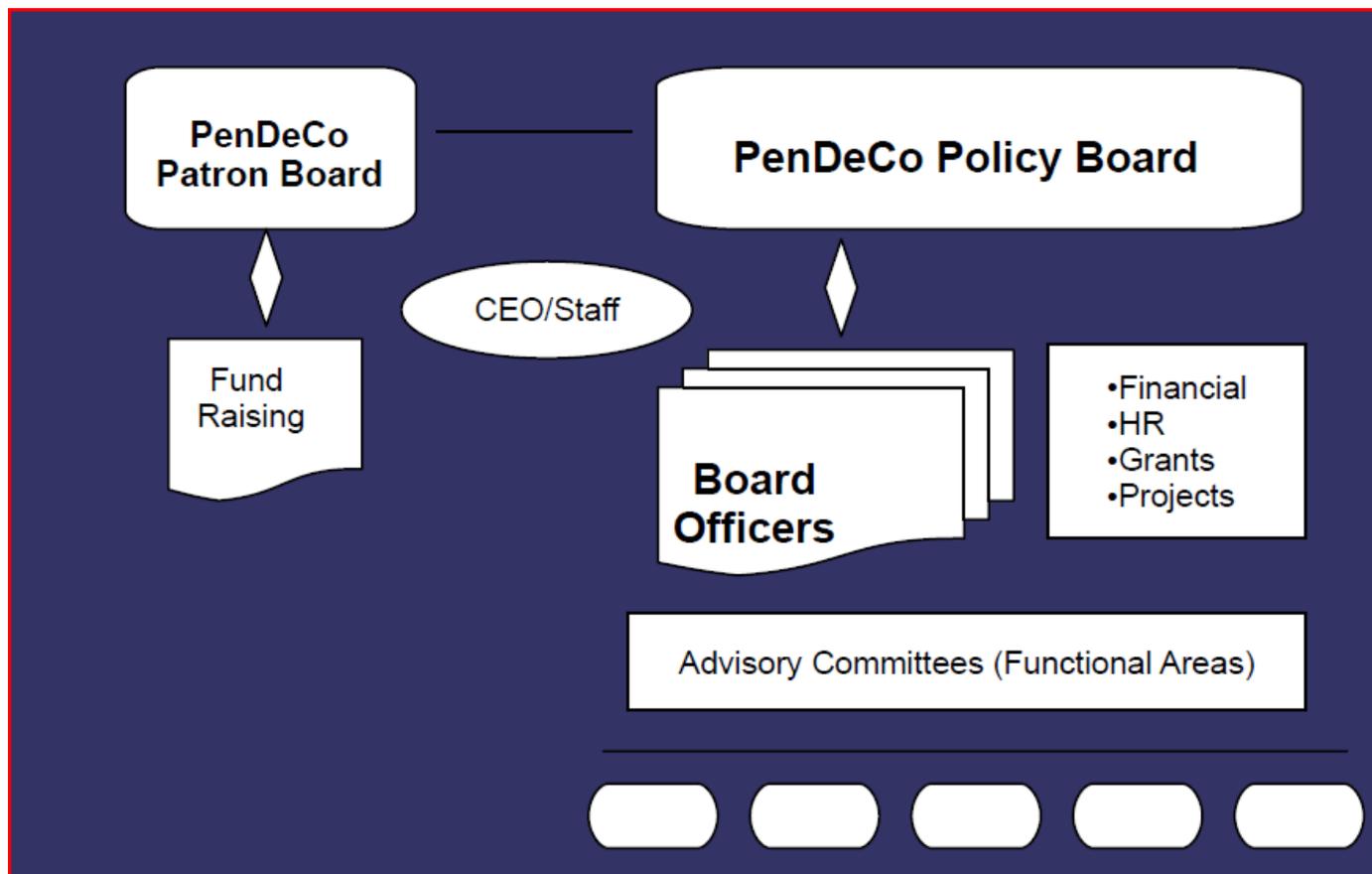
Funding Gaps

\$3,500,000



Potential Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(HUD) *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*.



Proposed PenDeCo Organization Chart

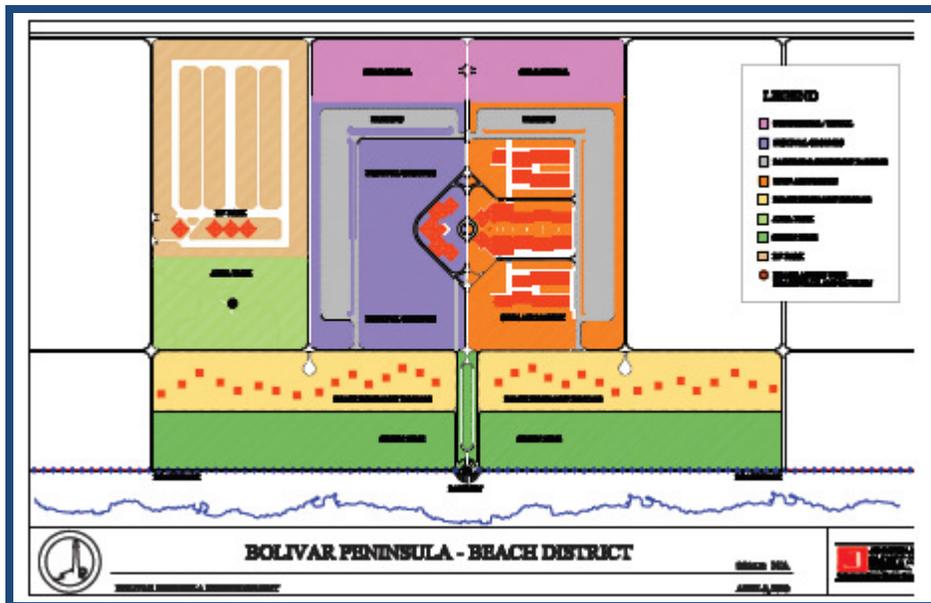


Beach Districts (Tourism and Beach Enhancements)

More than 25 miles of beach and over 30 miles of intracoastal waterways define the Peninsula as a place to live work and play. Disaster recovery can be achieved through improving and enhancing areas along the Peninsula in a manner that is consistent with the natural and cultural environment. The Bolivar Blueprint has defined three beach/intracoastal district opportunities to be considered. Each of these areas has opportunities for enhancement or improvement that will benefit tourism, business, and the overall community. Each of these areas will have a combination of vacant parcels and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program buy-out parcels that will enable the community to undertake appropriate improvements. This section of the plan defines the scope, action steps and financial considerations that can be followed for each area.

The Central Beach District is proposed to be located within a two-mile stretch of State Highway 87 located at a central point on the Peninsula. This should be an area that has existing public utilities, services, and capacity to support more intensive beach and entertainment ventures. Within this district, the area along State Highway 87 would focus on private commercial development and would be anchored by the Small Business Incubator building. A signalized intersection would be improved to provide for safe pedestrian crossing and would include a gateway monument with an informational message board integrated into the gateway feature. As businesses redevelop along Highway 87, they would include sidewalks along the highway and buildings constructed closer to the roadway to create a “village” atmosphere. In addition, parking should be located behind the buildings.

Central Beach District



Property behind Highway 87, to the slough or dune, would be used for creating a pedestrian boardwalk that would link parking areas to the beach. This walkway would include a series of vendor pavilions with temporary stalls. These stalls would provide a range of retail, rental, and food services to beachgoers. In addition, an area would be established for festivals, events, and small concerts. As visitors travel along the boardwalk and get closer to the beach area there will be restroom and shower facilities.

The Peninsula Development Coalition, working with the County, would become the principal developer of the pavilion vendor sites and manage the festival and concert space. All aspects of this development will be designed to meet FEMA standards for permitted uses within HMGP buy-out areas. A key component of this is a local business (located on High Island) that is created to fabricate, outfit, maintain, and store mobile retail shops that will be rolled into the pavilions and removed prior to a storm event.



Gilchrist Community Recreational Fishing

Although the status of Rollover Pass has not be finalized, recreational fishing has always been and will continue to be a popular attraction in this area. There exist opportunities for the community to work with the state and other agencies to ensure that governmental actions will provide for future recreational fishing and that areas around the pass can be utilized to support this activity.

The areas around Rollover Pass could be developed to include the following features:

Recreational vehicle parking with sewer, water, and electrical hook-ups
Pavilions to support recreational fishing including fish cleaning stations, picnic and barbeque stations.

Vendors to provide bait tackle and other goods and services that support fishing and family fun.



Action Steps

Preliminary Cost Estimate

To be determined

Proposed Funding

To be determined

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

Port Bolivar/Fort Travis Beach/Intracoastal District

The Port Bolivar and Fort Travis district is an area steeped in history and natural wonder. This is an area that will include the development of barge service, fleeting, and security industries along the Intracoastal Waterway that will generate future employment for residents. This is also an area where history can come alive and nature/eco-tours can reveal unique and rare birds for visitors.

Improvements proposed in the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Section, which includes a walking trail that connects key features within this area of the Peninsula. The economic opportunity for this area is related to the opportunity to establish parking and vendor pavilions that support recreational fishing, bicycle rental, kayak/canoe rental, and other visitor amenities. The Peninsula Development Coalition would develop the pavilions and rent space to vendors as a component of the Port Bolivar/Fort Travis Beach/Intracoastal District.

Action Steps

Finalize a business plan for the Peninsula Development Coalition

Finalize the structure for PenDeCo

Identify resources (public and private to finance business development ventures

To be determined



Proposed Funding

To be determined

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

Private financing

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*.

U.S Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

Business Recruitment

Recruiting business to the peninsula is a critical activity for diversifying the economy and enabling the economy to grow, to increase opportunities for people to live and work on the peninsula, and to support schools and other community efforts. The first area to be considered for business recruitment (beyond the small business incubator) is Port Bolivar. Port Bolivar, with direct access to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, provides opportunities for marine industries, commercial fleet service and maintenance, as well as commercial fishing industry.

Within Port Bolivar, there exists property controlled by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). TxDOT and in use by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with direct access to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) that is currently being used as a dredge spoils site. As portions of this site are filled, it may provide elevated property that could be used by marine service industries.

Another component of marine service industry in Port Bolivar is to establish a Marine Security (MARSEC) level facility. The MARSEC

Financial Considerations

Financing the proposed improvement within these districts is not anticipated to occur simultaneously. The community must set priorities and work to develop areas that will provide the greatest potential benefit to the community. The role of the Peninsula Development Coalition is to undertake projects that will generate income in support of improving conditions for all residents is a key to successful implementation of the Bolivar Blueprint. As this business becomes established it will work to identify a range of potential funding options. This includes capital from banks, from individuals and philanthropic foundations, and from appropriate governing agencies.

Preliminary Cost Estimate



terminal would be designed to accommodate barges near the local ports providing a place to unload alternate crews, refill fuel tanks, buy supplies, and perform repair and maintenance. Preliminary research indicates that similar barging areas charge \$150.00-\$250.00 per day. This fee would be used as income to the Navigation District for developing, maintaining, and operating the facility. The barge facility provides an opportunity for new employment on the Peninsula.

The Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee is also exploring an option for business recruitment related to establishing a navigation district. Texas has authorized Navigation Districts to be created that are political subdivisions of the State and have wide ranging powers, including all powers authorized by Chapters 49, 60, and 62 of the Texas Water Code. A Navigation District proposed for portions of the Peninsula would be enabled to exercise these powers for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway that runs the length of the Peninsula and extending into the Gulf of Mexico. The navigation district is proposed to undertake the development of port and landside projects that will attract businesses that serve shipping and barge fleetings along the Intracoastal Waterway.

The development is proposed in the vicinity of Port Bolivar and would create numerous new jobs on the peninsula.

Action Steps

Continue to research tools for business recruitment including navigation district and others available through the H-GAC organization.
Identify potential sites for marine service industry in Port Bolivar.
Discuss options for development of elevated sites related to the TXDOT property or other locations.

Financial Considerations

This project will be undertaken through the Peninsula Development Coalition. PenDeCo will coordinate with local land owners, business interests, and state/local agencies to identify appropriate sites,

undertake research and development activities, and develop a marketing program to attract business interested in establishing marine service industries on the Peninsula.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

To be determined

Proposed Funding

To be determined

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

Casino Gaming Feasibility Study

Casino Gaming has been discussed as a business that could expand job opportunities, attract additional visitors, and diversify the economy on the Peninsula. At the core of any development is the feasibility study, based on hard, statistical information. Feasibility studies should incorporate market research, demographics, competition assessment, disposable income and spending trends. The accuracy of the feasibility study is the catalyst for the development of the project. The feasibility study should be undertaken by an experienced organization in order to ensure that the proposed project is based in reality and explores a wide range of creative solutions.

Assessing the feasibility of casino gaming should be based on a series of requirements in terms of input, processes, output, fields, programs, and procedures. This can be quantified through data and trends in order to estimate whether the project will perform adequately or not. The following outline should be used to guide the feasibility study:

- Economic analysis
- Legal assessment
- Operational assessment
- Market and real estate assessment



- Cultural and environmental assessment

Action Steps

Coordinate the proposed study with local residents and leaders

Identify and recruit partners for the study

Determine funding and contracting organization for completing the study

Develop and advertise for consultants to undertake the study

Financial Considerations

The Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee should work with local elected officials and other interested parties to establish partnerships for this project. Based on the partners identified the Steering Committee would further development this effort.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

Proposed Funding

To be determined

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

To be determined

3. Parks, Recreation, and Tourism

Parks and recreational facilities are important features that provide residents with a higher quality of life. In addition, Bolivar Peninsula is blessed with an abundance of natural areas, beaches, and access to Galveston Bay. These facilities and resources make the Peninsula an attractive place to live, work, and play. Park and recreation features are important to residents and serve as an element of the tourism infrastructure on the Peninsula. There are many public and private recreational assets along the Peninsula including over 25 miles of beach. (These assets are listed in Figure 1.) Parks serve residents and visitors with a range of recreational facilities including baseball/softball, festivals/events, playgrounds, historic sites and fishing/boat launch areas, to name a few.

Most parks and recreational facilities sustained damage by Hurricane Ike and need to be restored or rebuilt. The Bolivar Blueprint Subcommittee on Parks, Recreation, and Tourism recognized that there is an opportunity to restore and rebuild park facilities in a manner that will benefit residents and enable the community to expand tourism opportunities. The Subcommittee established the following goals and objectives:

Goals

Create comprehensive and diverse parks and recreational opportunities, including eco-tourism, for residents and visitors.

Objectives

- Develop and implement a master plan for all park and recreation areas on Bolivar Peninsula that also address educational programming and environmental protection
- Investigate Federal, state, and private funding opportunities to support park and recreation improvements.



- Support the Beach Parking Sticker Program using revenues to enhance and maintain beaches
- Utilize areas of the beach to develop parks with public restrooms, showers, and access to the beach
- Work with the County and Texas General Land Office to develop and implement a beach and bay use management plan that addresses access, vehicles, vendors, dune stabilization, erosion, and wetlands protection

Recovery projects developed by the subcommittee include:

- Parks Master Plan (establish Bolivar Blueprint projects as an element of the Galveston County Parks Master Plan)
- Establish and Enhance Beach District Areas
- Increase Tourism
- Improve Fort Travis





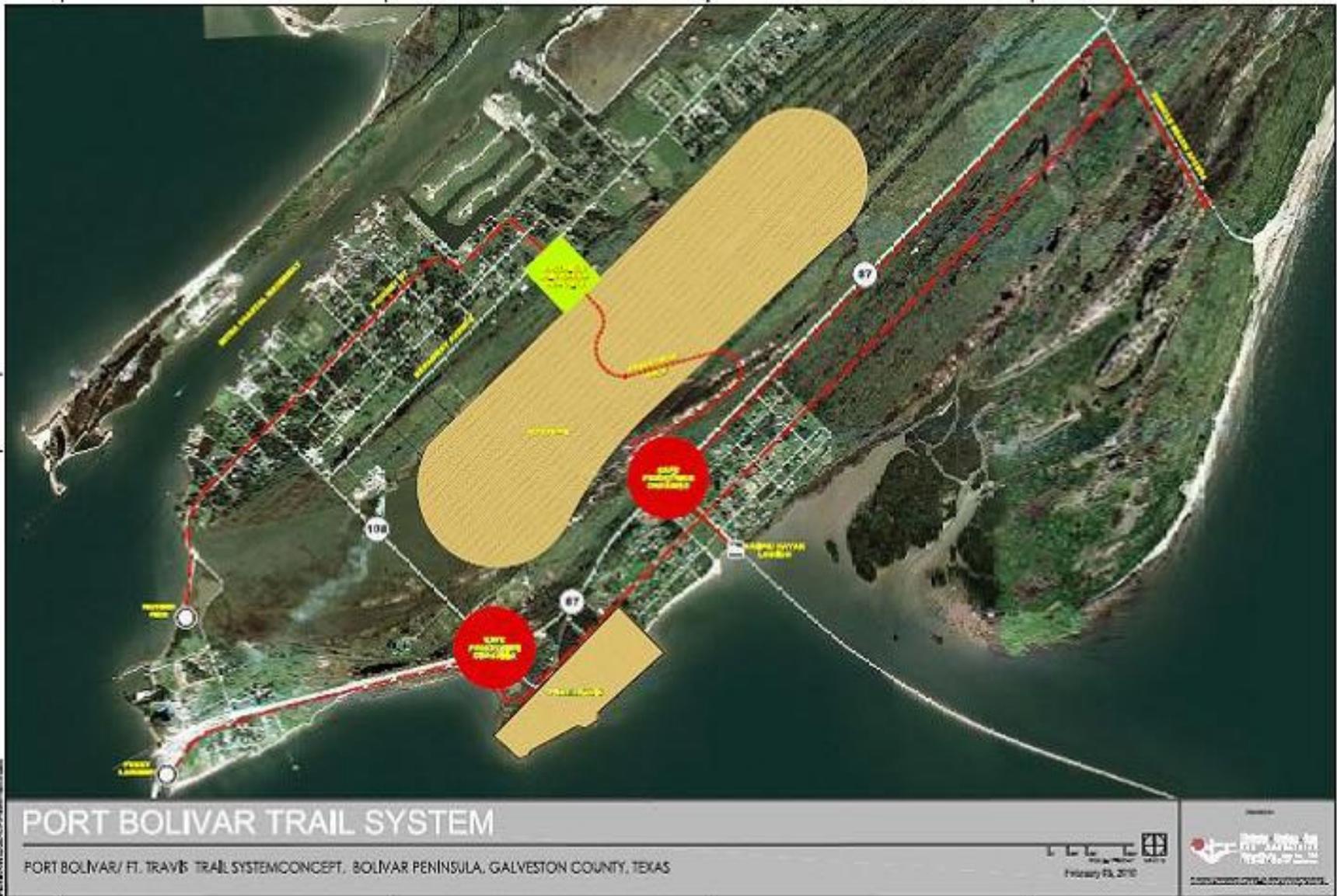


Figure 1. Parks and Recreation Facilities				
Park Facility	Ownership	Location	Features	Condition
Jetty at the Ferry Landing	Undetermined	Ferry Landing adjacent to TxDOT restroom facilities	Short rock jetties used for fishing	Undeveloped
Frenchtown Road	Undetermined	Frenchtown Road	Recreational Fishing Area	Bridge destroyed
Bolivar Ball Park	Local non profit	Between 19 th and 20 th Street off Broadway Port Bolivar	4.5 acres with baseball field, concession stand, restrooms and bleachers with a rodeo field	Severely damaged
Port Bolivar Park	Galveston County	18 th and Madison St	2.3 acre park 3 picnic shelters basketball court and 2 baseball backstops	Fair
Horseshoe Marsh Bird Sanctuary	Houston Audubon Society	650 acres east of the ferry landing	Extensive areas of open space that includes marsh, swamp and wetlands	Undeveloped/storm-deposited debris
Fort Travis	Galveston County	10 th Street at the Gulf of Mexico	70 acre park Interpretive historic site, walking trail and playground restrooms, showers and volleyball court	Some storm damage
Pilsner Boat Launch	Galveston County	16 th Street at the Gulf of Mexico	Canoe and kayak launch area	Facilities destroyed
North Jetty	USACE	17 th Street at the Gulf of Mexico	This area is used as a recreational fishing pier	Undeveloped
Crenshaw School	Galveston County ISD	State Highway 87 at Helen Blvd.	2 Tennis Courts and a play field, 32 acres of wetland prairie, outdoor classroom	Being repaired
Rancho Caribe Golf Course	Private	664 Highway 87	75+ acre 9-Hole private golf course	Severely damaged
Fun Town Amusement Center	Private	State Highway 87 and Noble Carl Drive	Approximately 3.8 acre go-cart track, water slide, zip line, etc.	Damaged in storm, status unknown
Noble Carl Park	Galveston County	State Highway 87 at Noble Carl Drive	11 acre with baseball field, trail, pavilion with 3 picnic areas and playground	Damaged
Joe Faggard Community Center	Galveston County	State Highway 87 at Noble Carl Drive	Community Building and Library	Repaired and in operation
Water Slide	Private	State Highway 87 at Bob Road	Approximately 3 acre water slide	Abandoned



Stingaree	Private	Stingaree Road at the Intra Coastal Waterway	Boat launch, recreational fishing and restaurant/bar	Restored in operation
Gregory Park	Galveston County	State Highway 87 and Barbados	15 acre with a pavilion, 2 picnic areas, baseball backstop, basketball court. Area where Crab Fest is held	Damaged not fully restored.
Lauderdale Boat Ramp	Galveston County	Yacht Basin Road at the GIWW	2 piers for canoe and kayak launch	Damaged
Rollover Pass	Gilchrist Community Association	Rollover Pass Bridge on Highway 87	Approximately 12 acre site developed for recreational fishing	Severely damaged
Kennedy (?)	Unknown	Fishing Pier located in Gilchrist on the Gulf of Mexico	Fishing pier in the Gulf of Mexico	Pier no longer exists
High Island School	High Island School	6 th and High School Road	Approximately 12 acres include 2 tennis Courts, baseball field and track and playing fields	Fair
Open Space for Bird Watching	Houston Audubon Society	Various locations	Extensive acreage of wetlands/woodlands/marshlands/pasturelands/flats for bird watching.	Boardwalks, restrooms, parking
Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary	Houston Audubon Society	East of Hwy 87	1100 acres, wade fishing, beach birding	undeveloped

Bolivar Peninsula Parks Recreation and Tourism Master Plan

The Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee seeks to partner with the Galveston County Parks and Senior Services Department to incorporate this component of the Bolivar Peninsula Parks Recreation and Tourism Master Plan into the Galveston County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.

The Bolivar Blueprint Parks Recreation and Tourism Master Plans has been developed to provide guidance for the orderly reconstruction or development of park, recreation, and tourism enhancements in coordination with housing and economic recovery activities on the Recovery projects related to Bolivar Peninsula park, recreation, and tourism facilities will be coordinated with other sectors of the recovery

Peninsula. This includes setting priorities, establishing key open space areas, and developing educational opportunities as a component of the process. The Bolivar Blueprint recognizes that there is an opportunity to create regional parks related to open space acquisition currently occurring on the Peninsula. This also creates the opportunity to provide parks, recreation, open space amenities, and senior services to residents in unincorporated areas that do not have the resources to provide these services. The Bolivar Blueprint also seeks to facilitate partnerships between public agencies and private resources related to increasing visitation to the Peninsula and implementing this plan.

process including the Human Services sector for senior services, the Economic sector for tourism and public/private partnerships, the



Education and Environmental sectors for environmental education and the Housing sector to ensure park and recreation facilities serve residents.

The goals and objectives established by the Bolivar Blueprint Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Subcommittee are consistent with the Goals of the Galveston County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. This project will create comprehensive and diverse park and recreation facilities and opportunities, including nature/eco-tourism, for residents and tourists.

Existing Conditions

In addition to the 25+ miles of public beaches located along the Peninsula, Figure 1 provides an overview of 19 existing park, recreation, and tourism facilities. This includes six public parks and a community center. Each school also has sports fields and playground areas. The Houston Audubon Society manages significant acreage of open space. Some of the key issues related to community recovery include:

- Facilities that sustained damage and have not been repaired.
- Lack of restrooms, showers, and parking at beach access areas.
- Inadequate parking at recreational fishing areas
- Lack of amenities at park facilities (restrooms, concession stands, etc.)

General Management Plan

The purpose of the general management plan is to ensure that park, recreation, and tourism facilities developed on Bolivar Peninsula have clearly defined direction for resource preservation and visitor use. The general management plan recognizes that the Peninsula is an environment with delicate resources and seeks to balance the development of visitor and resident facilities with the desire to preserve the Peninsula in a manner that will be a safe place to live where the resources available today remain available for the enjoyment of future generations.

The General Management of parks, recreation, and tourism facilities seeks to undertake effective, collaborative decision making for the development of parks, recreation, and visitor enhancements. This section of the plan defines the desired conditions to be achieved and maintained in park, recreation, and tourism properties and facilities and stresses that the development of parks and tourism projects should incorporate analysis of the facility in relation to its surrounding ecosystems and community. This process will also strive to afford persons with a stake in decisions to have an opportunity to be involved in the planning process. The ultimate outcome of the general management plan for parks, recreation, and tourism projects on the Peninsula is that projects move forward with an agreement among the partners and the public.

The general management plan recognizes that there is a limited amount of land on the Peninsula. This limitation is a factor in developing projects of any type. For example, dedicating land for parking has a two-fold impact: the first creates large areas of impervious surface creating stormwater problems. The second is that land dedicated to parking reduces the amount of land that can be used for park, recreation or other residential/commercial development. Thus, an important element of this plan is to create small, distributed parking facilities that are dispersed at key locations along the Peninsula and promote the use of permeable paving for all parking. In addition, as land develops and visitation increases, developing alternative transportation such as trolley service will be necessary in order to protect Peninsula resources.

Through an on-going relationship with public and private interests, the Bolivar Blueprint seeks to coordinate development in order to ensure that actions related to the above example can be implemented. In addition, the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Subcommittee will coordinate with all other subcommittees with related projects that support the development of parks (such as sewage systems and



informational signing) and projects that compliment their efforts such as environmental education.

Opportunities to expand or develop park or open space areas exist through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Land use restrictions related to this program are included in Appendix A: “Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Guidance.”

The General Management Plan calls for cooperation between the county and the Bolivar Blueprint organization (such as PenDeCo) to define appropriate uses for these properties. Conceptual projects help define these areas.

Conceptual Projects

Within the 35 miles that make up the Bolivar Peninsula there exist a variety of different areas and uses. These range from residential neighborhoods to vast marshlands. Recognizing these differences, the Bolivar Parks Master Plan has defined different visitor experiences that occur in various areas of the Peninsula. Within each of these areas the experience is defined as it relates to full time residents and visitors.

Port Bolivar

Arriving on the ferry from Galveston Island, the Port Bolivar/Fort Travis areas offer amenities focused on recreational fishing, bird watching and bicycle/pedestrian trails. Visitors can park either at Fort Travis or the Pilsner Boat Launch/North Jetty site. From these locations a walking trail connects from the Ferry Jetty to the North Jetty and then meanders east along State Highway 87 to link visitors to Rettillon Road where they can walk or bicycle along the beach for over 25 miles. Bird watching enhancements are provided via access at the same two parking areas. These parking areas include pedestrian enhancements at State Highway 87 enabling visitors to safely cross and access an elevated board walks, viewing blinds, and platforms that lead the visitor to the existing

(reconstructed) Port Bolivar baseball and soccer field. The trails continue from the ball field into Port Bolivar and lead visitors along quiet streets and paths to another small beach at French Landing. A foot bridge links visitors to a small beach area that has become another popular recreational fishing location on the Peninsula.

Amenities available at the Pilsner Boat Launch/North Jetty site include a 40 foot by 40 foot pavilion designed to enable vendors that cater to recreational fishing to set-up and sell goods such as tackle, bait, souvenirs and other convenience items. A second pavilion has been set up for five fish cleaning stations. Picnic tables and grill stands allow families to picnic at this location and restrooms constructed near the parking lot complete the setting. Fort Travis has become a national historic landmark and has been improved for use by schools for educational programs as well as improved structurally to enable visitors to view more of this historic fort and interpretive displays to understand the role the fort played through history.

Proposed developments in Port Bolivar include:

- Seven miles of trails including one mile of elevated board walk and viewing stands within the Audubon property.
- An elevated pedestrian crossing site at 17th Street and Highway 87
- Fishing Pier improvements at the North Jetty
- Interpretive signs and historic displays at Fort Travis
- Restrooms at the North Jetty
- 75 parking spaces with solar LED lighting, landscaping and trash receptacles; parking surface to be permeable pavement
- Two 40 by 40 foot open air pavilions (one with five fish cleaning stations)
- 10 barbeque stands
- 10 picnic tables
- Reconstruct the Port Bolivar baseball field



- Create a football field adjacent to the baseball field
- Restore restrooms and concession stand

With new employment opportunities and housing, parks will fill a critical need for a growing residential population; rebuilding and expanding existing parks and making connections with other developing recreational areas such as French Landing and the North Jetty will improve the quality of life for Port Bolivar families.

Fort Travis

The Fort Travis component of this project includes tourism program development related to historical interpretation and re-enactments, as well as camping and recreational vehicle parking facilities. Fees and vendor licensing will provide positive economic impact to the community.

- Parking – estimated number of spaces
- Roads – lineal feet of new access roads
- Facilities – toilets, showers, pavilions, shelters, picnic Trails/Trail Connections
- Cabanas (double current number)
- Historical Interpretive program
- Environmental Education program

Action Steps

Apply to have Fort Travis listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Work with Galveston County and PenDeCo to develop the Pilsner Launch and North Jetty for recreational fishing

Financial Considerations

Initial development of this project will involve establishing a partnership between the County, PenDeCo and the Houston Audubon Society. This partnership will apply for grant funding for developing parking and

walking trails. PenDeCo will explore options for developing vendor facilities at the North Jetty Site. Potential revenue sources include parking fees and vendor lease fees.

Preliminary Costs

To Be Determined

Anticipated Funding

At this point there are no funding sources for this project

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*.

Environmental Education at Crenshaw School

The environmental section of the Bolivar Blueprint includes the creation of an environmental education program. There exists an opportunity to acquire property behind Crenshaw School where an environmental field study area can be established. This area may be developed in conjunction with environmental interest groups and state universities and should be available to both Crenshaw and High Island Schools.

This would include a 83-acre environmental education site located behind the existing school and be developed with one mile of elevated board walk, including outdoor lecture areas with benches for students, viewing areas, and beach access areas.

Action Steps

Identify key properties that could be used for this program through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Develop relationships with State Universities for program development
Establish an Environmental Education Partnership between High Island School, Crenshaw School, and the Bolivar Blueprint Subcommittees.



Begin developing curriculum related to environmental education at primary, high school, and adult levels.

Identify and apply for grant funding for program and facility development.

Financial Considerations

This project focuses on environmental education for students, residents, and visitors to the Peninsula. There is the potential to generate revenue from fees paid by other schools for use of the outdoor classroom space and educational program material, as well as revenue from visitors who sign-up for environmental education programs. These programs might include walking, birding, and kayak tours.

Preliminary Costs

To be Determined

Anticipated Funding

None determined at this time

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

US Department of Education Grants

Texas State University Technical Support

Houston Audubon Society

Crystal Beach District

The Crystal Beach District spans an area of the Peninsula that is two miles long (from the RV Park on Highway 87 to Gregory Park at Barbados). This district includes the area from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Gulf of Mexico and will be developed a place where beach-oriented festivals and events provide visitors with opportunities for high energy entertainment. This is an area where a stage exists for musical performances, a festival lawn has been developed for Crab Fest

and other events, as well as a place where the entire community can come together to celebrate life on the Peninsula. Enhancements and amenities will include:

An 11-acre festival lawn with vendor amenities (electricity and awning space)

A three-acre area with a stage suitable for holding outdoor concerts

A gateway feature that includes an LED changeable message sign

located at the intersection of Highway 87 and Crystal Beach Road

Pedestrian enhancements that enable residents and visitors to cross Highway 87

Parking to serve businesses located behind buildings constructed of permeable pavement and lighted high-efficiency lighting.

Beach parking facilities

A board walk that links uses together

Restrooms, showers

40 foot by 40 foot pavilions to provide vendor space (beach rentals etc.)

Pavilions for picnics

Barbeque stands and picnic tables

Playground equipment

This development will be designed to be compatible with beach rental housing, as well as commercial business development that occurs along Highway 87 in this district.

Gregory Park

There are two options for developing Gregory Park: the first is to continue to expand its current use as a festival lawn and relocate the basketball and baseball backstops to another park on the Peninsula (such as Port Bolivar). The second option is to relocate the festival lawn closer to Crystal Beach Drive. This has the benefit of concentrating activities in one location and attracting increased commercial interest and additional visitors. This would also allow the redevelopment of Gregory Park as a community park serving full time residents on the Peninsula. Gregory Park improvements may include:



Festival Lawn

- Parking – estimated number of spaces
- Access Roads – lineal feet of new access roads
- Vendor tent space
- Electrical service
- Carnival space (to be set up by others)

Community Park

- Little League Baseball field
- Concession Stand
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Playground
- Walking trail with benches
- Public Pool
- Picnic pavilion

Action Steps

Coordinate with the County to define areas that will be acquired using the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

Recreational Fishing at Rollover Pass

Although the final status of Rollover Pass has not been completely defined at this time, this is an area of the Peninsula that has traditionally attracted recreational fishing and, regardless of decision



outcomes, is anticipated to continue to attract visitors who enjoy fishing. Visitors coming to the Peninsula will have opportunities to fish from piers developed on the Gulf and Intracoastal Waterway shores and will be served by bait and tackle vendors, as well as by vendors providing other convenience items to visitors in pavilions constructed along the eastern and western sides of Rollover Bridge. These pavilions will include fish cleaning stations, barbeque stands, and picnic facilities. In addition, a recreational vehicle campground will be developed to encourage visitors to spend more time on the Peninsula.

Parking

Vendor Pavilions

Fish cleaning pavilions

Picnic pavilions

Barbeque stands

Picnic benches

RV Campground with electric, water, and sewer hook-ups

Action Steps

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

High Island

High Island, because of natural elevation, is a safer place to live and work. In the future, development of employment and workforce housing has enabled expanded use of existing recreation facilities for residents as well as the development of a birding trail that connects existing Audubon properties and other wood lots around the edge of

town. This trail enables bird watchers to walk completely around the edges of High Island and includes viewing platforms, blinds and other amenities. Parking for this trail is located along Highway 124 in the commercial section of town as well as at the northern trail head location. This is a three mile trail, and includes 50 parking spaces at the hotel and 50 more at the trailhead location.

3.5 mile walking trail

100 parking spaces

An environmental education program could also be established that promotes environmental awareness and educates students and residents about the benefits of marshland and birds on the Peninsula.

Action Steps

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

4. Transportation and Infrastructure

Transportation and infrastructure impacts related to Hurricane Ike were significant on Bolivar Peninsula. Even a year after the disaster occasional tidal flow floods portions of State Highway 87 between Gilchrist and High Island. In addition, many local roads are in need of reconstruction. Silt has filled in much of the Peninsula drainage system. The Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District (BPSUD) water distribution system had over 1.5 million dollars in damage. Sewage treatment, prior to the disaster was handled by individual septic tanks for approximately 5,000 homes. The majority of the individual septic treatment systems were severely damaged or destroyed by the hurricane. Some newer developments are served by small privately owned sewage treatment systems. These impacts have had a significant influence on the recovery process of the Peninsula.

The Bolivar Blueprint subcommittee for infrastructure has identified the following goals and objectives to guide recovery of critical public services and transportation:

Goal

Repair facilities damaged by Hurricane Ike and support Peninsula population and economy with appropriate systems of transportation, drainage, water supply, and wastewater treatment.

Objectives

- Review, update, and finalize existing Bolivar Peninsula Wastewater Study
- Develop, implement, and maintain a Stormwater Drainage Master Plan for the entire Peninsula in coordination with local, state, and Federal entities
- Improve Bolivar Peninsula access
- Harden utility facilities in a manner that reduces the risk of damage from future storms



- Manage integrity of the dune system through beach management
- Review the possibility of incorporating the Peninsula
- Provide a fuel depot on Bolivar Peninsula for first responders

Construct Informational Signing on the Peninsula

The objective of this project is to install digital LED signs that can be used to provide information about the status of the ferry as well as information about the Beach Sticker Program (that they are required and where to buy them), other Peninsula programs and events, and promotional information for local businesses. An added benefit of these signs will be to provide emergency information related to water quality or hazardous weather conditions. These signs will be similar in size to those used by TX DOT at construction sites on the interstate and will be strategically located on the Peninsula.

One location will be used on the west end on Highway 87 to inform people as they get off the ferry. A second will be located toward the center of the Peninsula to inform visitors of beach sticker requirements and where to purchase them, the status of the ferry, as well as other community programs or festivals, and for advertising for local business. (Other locations may be determined.) These signs could be incorporated into gateway features that welcome people arriving on the Peninsula from the ferry as well as in the central location. Additional “way finding” or directional signs will be necessary for visitor areas related to:

- Fort Travis
- North Jetty/Audubon/Port Bolivar Recreational Area
- Environmental Education Area
- Beach Central
- Rollover Pass
- High Island (Audubon and other features)

Action Steps

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

TXDOT, HCAC, Galveston County

Water for Fire Fighting and Increased Water Pressure for Homes and Businesses

Rural water systems are regulated at the state level. The BPSUD undertook a study to determine waterline sizing to add pressure and size to accommodate fire fighting. This study has been completed and at this point, the community needs to await legislative guidance regarding this activity.

The Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee will work with the BPSUD, County, and H-GAC to determine the potential for implementing the proposed plan.

Reduction of Trash on Bolivar Peninsula

At this time, this is not considered a recovery project. Residents and county officials need to monitor Texas legislative action related to requirements for county government to pick up trash. Otherwise, under current conditions, each property owner is responsible for contracting to have trash picked up from their home.



Infrastructure -Beach/Dune Access Walking Bridges

The committee noted that Galveston County, working with the GLO, is responsible for updating the County Beach Access Plan. The Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee should promote and support an update to this plan and become a participating partner in the planning process. The planning document will outline the community goals and objectives related to updating this plan but, will not be a project write-up. Material written regarding this item should be linked to the economic development section related to beach enhancements.

Infrastructure-Future Damage (Mitigation)

Discussion on this project determined, that in all cases, mitigation actions will strengthen repaired/rebuilt infrastructure against damage from future storms. Based on this information this is not a recovery project. The steering committee and all subcommittees will promote mitigation measures whenever/wherever possible.

Rebuild and Improve the BPSUD

An on-going study related to sanitary sewage treatment on the Peninsula is being led by the county. The role of the Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee is to work with the BPSUD and other interested parties to monitor and support implementation of the study when it is completed.

Private Sanitary Sewer System

Protecting water quality is a primary objective of the Infrastructure Subcommittee. Based on this objective, the committee will promote the practice that residents (in areas where the public sanitary sewer system is unavailable) as they rebuild their homes, either connect to the private sewage treatment system or install and maintain an aerobic system that meets County Health Department standards. These actions are critical to maintaining high water quality while the sanitary sewer system study remains on-going.

Flood Protection and Relocation of State Highway 87

State Highway 87 is currently being elevated. In addition there is an on-going study regarding the logistics and feasibility of relocating the roadway where it connects with State Highway 124. The role of the Bolivar Steering Committee will be to work with Galveston County, H-GAC and the TX DOT to ensure projects related to safe evacuation and efficient transportation are developed and implemented in support of future Peninsula land uses.

Stormwater Drainage

The effort to clean and restore the stormwater drainage system is on-going through the TXDOT and Galveston County efforts. In addition the county is undertaking a comprehensive stormwater drainage plan for the Peninsula. This plan will guide the development of effective management of stormwater as the Peninsula rebuilds. The role of the Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee is to monitor progress on this study and coordinate community input for the study and cooperate with the County and State agencies to ensure that the final recommendations of the study are implemented as the Peninsula recovers and rebuilds.

A Note Regarding Transportation

In order to facilitate efficient transportation to visitor amenities and attractions, as well as employment areas, it is recommended that the community begin planning for establishing alternative transit service (such as a rubber tire trolley system) that would operate from the Ferry Landing to High Island stopping at remote parking locations on the Peninsula. A second route might operate from Winnie at Interstate 10 (in Chambers County) to High Island. This service enables visitors and employees to reach the Peninsula without having to use their cars. This service would also be of use for evacuation of persons without automobiles.



Notes from Galveston County:

CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

A companion to the CDBG Housing Program, the CDBG Infrastructure Program provided Galveston County with \$34.5 million to make needed repairs and address public facilities which “failed to function” as a result of Hurricane Ike. Administered by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, the infrastructure program includes funds to install generators and generator switches, build new sewer facilities, and harden roadways including evacuation routes. Again, most of the funds have been committed to projects on Bolivar Peninsula because it was more severely impacted than the rest of the county, with the exception of Galveston Island.

A second round of CDBG infrastructure funds is anticipated by the county in spring 2010. Roughly the same amount, or slightly more, than the initial allotment of \$34.5 million was expected, and again, most of the dollars were slated to be spent on peninsula projects.



5. Environment

Life on Bolivar Peninsula is tightly linked to the environment; the quality of the environment provides direct economic benefit to residents and businesses. Examples of ways in which the economy is tied to the environment are demonstrated by the thousands of tourists that come to the Peninsula to fish, crab and bird watch. Peninsula salt marshes are the nursery grounds for fish, shrimp, and crabs and some Peninsula residents make a living fishing, crabbing and shrimping or in the commercial fisheries or fisheries-related industry in some manner.

Hurricane Ike not only exposed the fragile nature of the Peninsula environment, it also demonstrated the importance of maintaining a balance between human activities and the coastal environment. The



environmental subcommittee established the following goals and objectives to guide the recovery process:

Goal:

Repair environmental damage caused by Hurricane Ike and resume programs focused on environmental education, protection of wildlife habitat, improvement of water quality, and support for a balanced ecosystem.

Objectives:

- Develop an environmental education and outreach program
- Re-establish and maintain the integrity of the beach/dune ecosystem
- Re-establish and maintain the integrity of the marsh ecosystem
- Re-establish and maintain the integrity of the terrestrial ecosystem

The Environmental Subcommittee developed recovery projects related to environmental impacts caused by Hurricane Ike. These include:

- **Stabilization of the shoreline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW)**
- **Restoration of Pastures and Woodlands**
- **Restoration of Wetlands**
- **Develop an Environmental Education Program**
- **Erosion Control, Beach Restoration, and Dune Construction**



Aerial Photographs (NOAA Remote Sensing Division Sept. 14-17, 2008)

Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Shoreline Stabilization

When completed in 1949, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) was 125 feet wide with a depth of 12 feet. It has since widened to 700-800 feet on much of the Bolivar Peninsula due to erosion of the shorelines caused by vessel wakes. This has resulted in the loss of thousands of acres of valuable, productive salt marsh. Eroding wetlands soils fill the GIWW, necessitating frequent dredging.

Project purpose and scope

This project seeks to research and document the extent of land loss along the GIWW and establish a multiagency task force to focus on the stabilization of canal banks to prevent the erosion of marsh areas on the Peninsula allowing for more sustainable land use in the future and a more natural environment for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Project will protect private and public properties from future erosion and mitigate storm-related damage.

Stabilizing the shoreline will prevent the loss of critical habitat and private and public lands (including adjacent to residential properties) and decrease need for maintenance dredging and the resultant spoils handling and disposal. In addition to protecting residential property and some agricultural land, wildlife habitat that has been threatened by erosion will be protected and restored.



Methods to consider for shoreline stabilization include:
Place rock armoring or concrete matting along the GIWW adjacent to eroding shoreline. Backfill and restore wetland areas with dredge spoil where possible. Similar projects have been successfully constructed in Jefferson County, TX and numerous other locations along the 1050 miles of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

Action Steps

- 1) Complete research to document extent of land loss along GIWW. This will be a multi-agency project; contact appropriate agencies such as USACE, NRCS, USFWS, others TBD for cooperation, support, and funding.
- 2) Determine which portions of the shoreline need stabilization and what methods are best suited for shoreline segments. (maps available at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)
- 3) Develop project budget.
- 4) Secure project funding.

Financial Considerations

Approximately \$125/linear foot.

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

USACE, NRCS, USFWS, TPWD, Ducks Unlimited, Galveston Bay Foundation, others TBD



Restoration of Wetlands

Peninsula wetlands were degraded by debris from Hurricane Ike and have been lost to filling, subsidence, and erosion along the Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW).

The economy of the Bolivar Peninsula is directly connected to the quality of Peninsula's salt marshes. Thousands of tourists come to the Peninsula to fish, crab, and bird watch. Peninsula salt marshes are the nursery for fish, shrimp, and crabs and commercial and recreational fishing is an integral part of the economy on the Peninsula. Peninsula freshwater wetlands are important for neighborhood drainage and support aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, including many mosquito larvae predators. Vegetation and wildlife that used the wetlands were heavily impacted by the saltwater storm surge from Hurricane Ike.



Project purpose and scope

This project will identify wetlands in need of protection and restoration, and develop strategies to protect wetlands, remove remaining hurricane debris from wetlands, and restore wetlands using site-specific techniques. Strategies may include acquisition of wetlands from willing sellers by state or federal agency or non-governmental organizations; debris removal with equipment designed specifically to work in wetlands; working with the Army Corp of Engineers and Texas Department of Transportation to place material dredged from the GIWW in eroded wetlands, replanting of wetlands and reintroduction of native wildlife to wetlands.

Marsh restoration to restore natural habitat after saltwater inundation and storm surge debris deposition will provide opportunity for economic recovery on several levels for the Peninsula through improving commercial and recreational fisheries, and by creating better habitat for the numerous species of interest to visitors and tourists.

Action Steps

- 1) Evaluate Peninsula wetlands to determine those areas in need of restoration.
- 2) Contact property owners.
- 3) Work with property owners and habitat restoration experts to develop restoration plans.
- 4) Develop projects.
- 5) Secure funding.
- 6) Complete restoration projects.

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

NOAA, NMFS, USFWS, Texas A&M, Texas GLO, Gulf of Mexico Foundation, Galveston Bay Foundation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, EPA, Coastal Conservation Association, Houston Audubon, NRCS, others TBD.



Restoration of Pastures and Woodlands

The cattle industry has a long history on the Bolivar Peninsula; before Hurricane Ike the Peninsula pastures and prairies supported the local cattle industry. Saltwater from the storm surge killed exotic, non-native grasses that grew in the pastures and destroyed fences. Pastures need replanting with native salt-tolerant grasses and fences need to be rebuilt to reestablish agriculture on the Peninsula.



Historically, wooded areas on the Bolivar Peninsula have been critical habitat for resident birds and those migrating between breeding areas in North America and wintering habitat in South America. Thousands of bird watchers visit the Peninsula each year to see the great variety of birds that can be found on the Peninsula. Most Peninsula trees and shrubs were killed by saltwater, destroying their value as bird habitat. These wooded areas need to be re-established. In addition, Peninsula youth cited the reestablishment of trees as one of their most important issues.

Project purpose and scope

Project addresses reestablishment of useable agricultural pasture and of critical habitat, pasture and prairie, as well as native woodlands for resident and migratory bird populations using native species of grasses, bushes, and trees. Birding attracts numerous visitors to the Peninsula and is an integral portion of the economic base. Restoration will create business opportunities and allow residents and visitors to enjoy nature; it will foster recreation, rebuild agriculture, and diversify land use in a sustainable manner.

Action Steps

- Coordinate with Chambers County Recovery Team already undertaking similar project.
- Continue successful tree-planting programs already in progress. Peninsula properties in need of restoration efforts will be identified by property owners and restoration experts. Property owners will be connected with state, federal and local restoration efforts through local meetings, websites and printed material. Projects will be developed on a site-specific basis.
- Restore Peninsula pastures and prairies to reestablish the cattle industry on the Peninsula and provide habitat for grassland birds.

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

USDA, Extension Service, NRCS, USFWS Coastal Program, Farm Services Administration, Galveston Bay Estuary Program, Apache, Prairie Partnership, TPWD, others TBD.

Develop an Environmental Education Program

The Bolivar Peninsula has long been an ecotourism destination. Nearly all tourists come to fish, swim, crab, bird watch or walk the beach. These activities depend on healthy, productive, and clean habitats. Ecotourists, who learn about habitats, and how to interact with them, have a more enjoyable experience resulting in return visits and word-of-mouth recommendations. Many habitats on the Peninsula were impacted by Hurricane Ike and their restoration is being addressed by other projects. However, developing a multimedia campaign plan to educate Peninsula visitors about Peninsula habitats and recreational opportunities will help create a tourist base that is excited about their experience on the Peninsula.

This project fosters small business opportunity, respect for the environment, and promotes the enjoyment of nature and recreation for residents and visitors alike.

Project purpose and scope

A multimedia education campaign will be developed to educate Bolivar Peninsula visitors and residents about Peninsula habitats and how to interact with and enjoy them. This campaign will include a nature



center, website, kiosks, brochures, and signs with information about fishing, crabbing, bird watching, and enjoying the beach, and will include information, and rules and regulations affecting those resources.

Goals:

- Educate visitors and residents about Peninsula’s many natural resources.
- Protect and take advantage of the Peninsulas natural resources.
- Attract families and ecotourists.

This project is linked to several other tourism and environmental projects such as: Beach and Dune Restoration, Wetlands Restoration, and Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Projects.

Action Steps

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources

Local and County resources, Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., EPA Green Building Grants, EDA, Kresge Foundation Green Building Initiative, USFWS, others TBD.

Comprehensive Erosion Control, Beach Restoration, and Dune Restoration

Coastal erosion and dunes have always been a critical “first line of defense” against storms for Bolivar Peninsula. Hurricane Ike caused significant coastal erosion and completely destroyed the geo-tube dune

system. The Environmental Subcommittee recognizes that there is a need to develop a comprehensive plan for the County and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for erosion, beach restoration, and dune reconstruction along the peninsula. The objective of this comprehensive plan is to coordinate local, state, and federal agencies in developing and implementing recovery strategies. The Environmental Subcommittee is established as an organization that will coordinate with local interests on Bolivar Peninsula, assist with legislative actions and promote environmentally-friendly/sustainable practices for the restoration/reconstruction efforts.

The Environmental Subcommittee will seek to develop working relationships with key stakeholder agencies such as:

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Texas General Land Office (GLO)
- Texas Department of Transportation
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Houston Audubon Society
- Other agencies as necessary



6. Education

Develop **B**olivar **E**ducation and **C**ommunity **H**elp (**BEACH**) Program to benefit the youth of Bolivar Peninsula.

Goal

Promote youth programs and after school activities for all children.

Objective

- Create environmental and educational partnerships with the Housing and Environmental committees to help develop Green Initiatives, habitat restoration and marine biology projects.
- Identify youth programs and after school activities with resources such as Boys and Girls Club and Head Start, research means to establish language classes, improve technological resources, and coordinate with surrounding area higher education institutions for distance learning.
- Work in collaboration with Parks Committee to enhance Gregory Park and other facilities for the purpose of establishing recreational programs.
- Work in collaboration with state and local historians, historical commissions, and others, to develop a program that will result in an accurate and formal record of the history of Bolivar Peninsula. Educate the school-age population of the Peninsula, as well as all other interested residents and visitors, on the prehistory, history, and developing future of the Peninsula.

Note: For a brief history of Bolivar Peninsula, please see Appendix B.

Action Steps:

Develop Project Details:

- Pen Pal Partnership
- Sailing program with Texas A&M Galveston
- Marine Biology, Bird, and Habitat Restoration projects

- Peninsula Video Production
- Identify Project Champions

Assignment of Tasks:

- Research fully-funded programs, national educational resources, corporate donations
- Identify youth programs and after-school activities that can be fully funded by outside entities (corporations) or other sources. These activities and resources will enhance students' academic achievements by rounding out their educational experiences and fostering community spirit and a sense of place.
- Research coastal universities, SeaGrant, and BTNEP educational initiatives for programs and opportunities for Peninsula youth
- Research marine biology, birding, and sailing program opportunities

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources



7. Human Services

Along the 34-mile length of Bolivar Peninsula a wide range of neighborhoods can be found with diverse development styles. This rural, rustic diversity has been an important part of the character of the community. The approaches to implementing recovery strategies have been designed to enable residents and community leaders to maintain this character as rebuilding occurs. Strategies do not have to be implemented uniformly. The unique needs and opportunities of areas within the community may require that strategies be tailored. The overriding outcome of the recovery process is to create a community where individuality and preferences can coexist with strong, safe, sustainable rebuilding practices.

Goal

Rebuild, re-establish, and expand human services to make Bolivar Peninsula a safe, functional community.

Objectives

- Enhance emergency response services that serve the needs of the community
- Provide services for seniors that will allow them to remain in, or return to, their homes
- Provide opportunities for all Bolivar Peninsula residents to be active in their community
- Expand provision of basic medical services and an emergency clinic centrally located on Bolivar Peninsula
- Improve public safety on the Peninsula
- Promote Galveston County's "Blackboard Connect" program: Blackboard Connect is a mass-communication service for emergency notifications and general public information. Messages can be targeted to entire communities or specific blocks or neighborhoods. Its value lies in its ability to send messages by multiple means -- landline phone, work phone, personal cell phone, email, and SMS text. Citizens

are required to enter their personal contact information on the Blackboard Connect web site to receive more than the landline message.

Background

Project purpose and scope

Action Steps

Financial Considerations

Preliminary Costs

Anticipated Funding

Funding Gaps

Potential Resources



8. Next Steps

The Bolivar Blueprint Steering Committee with the support of the Galveston County Commissioners Court, staff and FEMA have completed the Long-Term Community Recovery process to the point where recovery projects have been developed and are ready for review. The following steps should be followed as the Blueprint document progresses toward completion:

- Each subcommittee review and provide comments and modifications to the subcommittee chairs.
- Bolivar Blueprint Steering committee review subcommittee comments and finalize draft text.
- Develop conceptual cost estimates for recovery projects
- Begin to research resource agencies for potential project funding
- Complete Recovery Value Assessments
- Hold a public open house to present the recovery projects and gain input from the community
- Finalize the Blueprint document and present it to the County Commissioners Court
- Plan and organize recovery project funding workshops

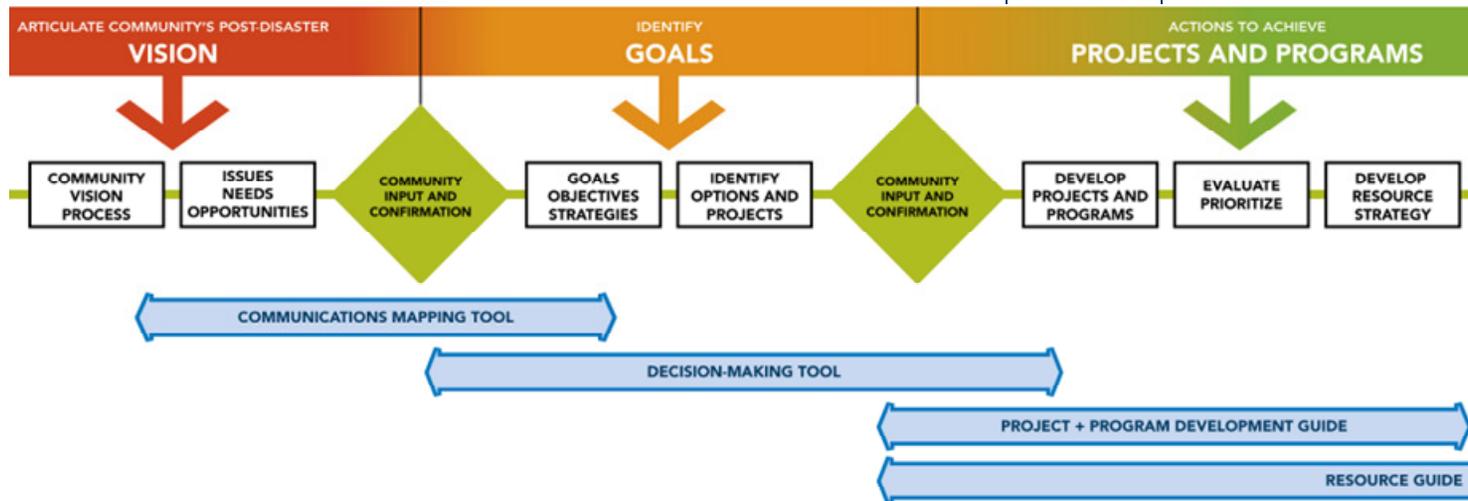
These steps will bring the planning process into the implementation phase. It is important for the residents and businesses of the peninsula to continue to work together through the implementation process as well as to keep the plan up to date. As recovery progresses plans and

projects may change. By continuing to use the Communications Tools and other tools provided implementation and plan updates will become a seamless process.



Vision, Goals and Projects

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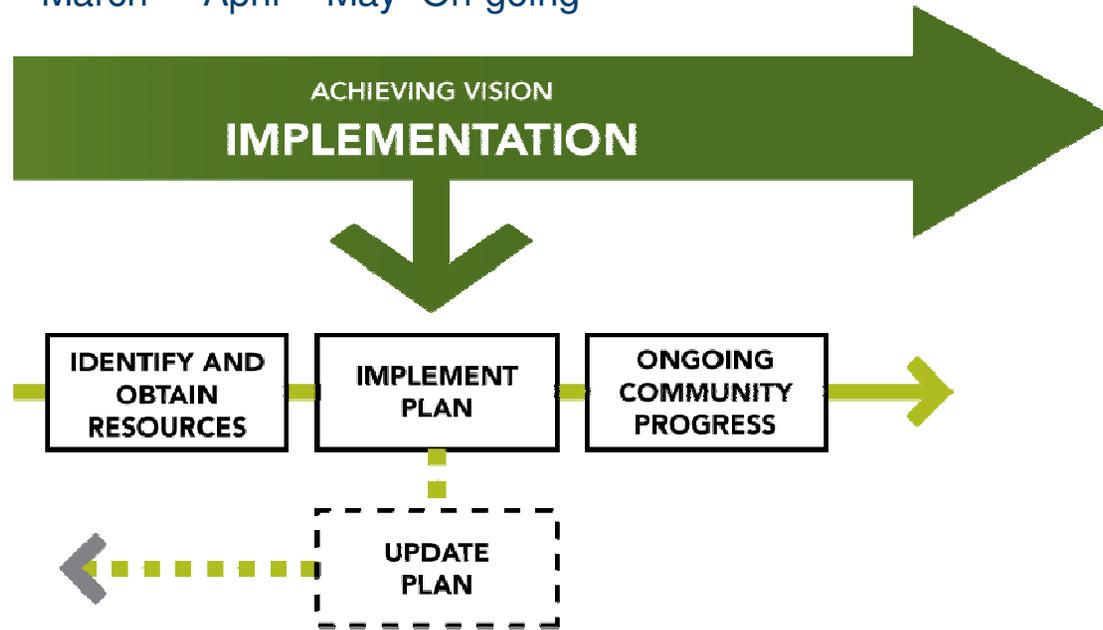


Bolivar
Blueprint



Implementation

March - April - May On-going →



Appendix A: “Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Guidance”

2.3.13.3.1.11 Conversion to Open Space

Subgrantees must apply specific deed restriction language to all acquired properties to ensure the property will be maintained in perpetuity as open space and consistent with natural floodplain functions, as agreed by accepting FEMA mitigation grant funding. This is done for each property by recording the open space and land use restriction, consistent with FEMA model deed language found at <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/resources/pre-award.shtm>.

Any modifications to the model deed restriction language can only be made with prior approval from FEMA’s Office of Chief Counsel through the appropriate FEMA Regional Office.

2.3.13.3.2 Land Use and Oversight

2.3.13.3.2.1 Future Federal Benefits

After settlement of the property acquisition transaction, no disaster assistance for any purpose from any Federal entity may be sought or provided with respect to the property, and FEMA will not distribute flood insurance benefits for that property for claims related to damage occurring after the date of settlement in accordance with 44 CFR Part 80 requirements.

Also, crops for which insurance is not available will not be eligible for any disaster assistance and are grown at the farmer’s risk. Payment through the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), 7 U.S.C. § 7333, for damage to crops for which insurance is not available, is considered to be “disaster assistance,” and as such will not be available to owners of open spacerestricted land. However, benefits obtained through crop insurance programs offered under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 1501 et seq., are not considered “disaster assistance,” and will be available to owners of open space-restricted land.

2.3.13.3.2.2 Open Space Requirements/Land Use

After settlement of the property acquisition transaction, the property must permanently be maintained for open space purposes and consistent with natural floodplain functions.

Allowable land uses generally may include parks for outdoor recreational activities, wetlands management, nature reserves, cultivation, grazing, camping (except where adequate warning time is not available to allow for evacuation), unpaved surfaces, and other uses FEMA determines compatible with the grant and deed restrictions, including more specific listings provided below.

Allowable land uses generally **do not** include walled buildings, flood control structures (such as levees, dikes, or floodwalls), paved surfaces, bridges, cemeteries, actions that pose health, safety or environmental risk in the floodplain, above- or below-ground pumping stations or storage tanks, placement of fill materials, or other uses that obstruct the natural and beneficial use of the floodplain (see below for additional detail regarding land use).

The list below is a guide to open space use that addresses typical situations; however, the subgrantee and State/Grantee should review every situation using the regulations, open space intent, and floodplain management principles. The local floodplain administrator should review all



proposed use of acquired floodplain land. The State/Grantee and subgrantee, in coordination with the appropriate FEMA Regional Office, shall determine whether a proposed use is allowable, consistent with the deed restrictions, grant agreement, this Guidance, and floodplain management requirements.

Allowable Uses Include:

- Vegetative site stabilization, agricultural cultivation, and grazing;
- Public picnic shelters, pavilions, and gazebos, with associated foundations, provided that the structure does not contain walls;
- Public restrooms are the only walled and roofed buildings that are allowed;
- Small-scale recreational courts, ball fields, golf courses, and bike and walking paths;
- Camping, except where adequate warning time is not available to allow evacuation;
- Installation of signs when designed not to trap debris;
- Unimproved, unpaved parking consistent with open space uses;
- Unpaved access roads, driveways, camping pads limited to those necessary to serve the acceptable uses on acquired property. Existing paved roads can be reused for these purposes;
- Small boat ramps, docks, and piers to serve a public recreational use;
- Drainage facilities intended to service onsite needs;
- Construction activities, excavation, and other minor water control structures necessary to create areas for water detention/retention including wetlands restoration or restoration of natural floodplain floodwater storage functions;
- Sewer, water, and power to serve the allowable uses. Sewer, water, and power line crossings, where there is no floodwater obstruction created and there are no other readily available locations for these systems; and
- Simple structures used exclusively for agricultural purposes in connection with the production, harvesting, storage, drying, or raising of certain agricultural commodities, to include livestock, such as a pole-frame building (any such structure cannot be of a nature that would make it eligible for insurance under the NFIP), and steel grain bins and steel-frame corn cribs.

Uses Generally Not Allowed on Acquired Open Space Land:

- The construction of flood damage reduction levees, dikes, berms, or floodwalls;



- All walled buildings or manufactured homes, except public restrooms. Reuse of preexisting structures, unless all walls are removed;
- Fences and all other obstructions in the floodway. Fences outside of the floodway must be designed to minimize the trapping of debris;
- Storage of inventory supporting a commercial operation or governmental facility, including wheeled vehicles or movable equipment;
- Cemeteries, landfills, storage of any hazardous or toxic materials, or other uses that are considered environmentally contaminating, dangerous, or a safety hazard;
- Pumping and switching stations;
- Above- or below-ground storage tanks;
- Paved roads, highways, bridges, and paved parking. Paved parking includes asphalt, concrete, oil treated soil, or other material that inhibits floodplain functions;
- Placement of fill, except where necessary to avoid impacting onsite archeological resources;
- Installation of septic systems or reuse of pre-existing septic systems, except to service a permissible restroom; and
- Any uses determined by the State/Grantee, FEMA, or FEMA Regional Administrator as inconsistent with the regulations, this Guidance, or deed restrictions.

Reuse of existing paved surfaces for recreational uses on the acquired property consistent with allowable uses is generally acceptable; however paved surfaces beyond those directly required

for such uses should be removed. Communities shall use unpaved surfaces allowing for natural floodplain functions where feasible for allowable uses, particularly trails. Examples include grass, hard-packed earth, and graded gravel.

Communities may creatively salvage pre-existing structures on the acquired property. In some cases, the complete demolition of a structure may not be necessary; it may be possible to convert a closed-in structure with walls, such as a house, into an open picnic pavilion with a concrete slab floor and posts supporting the roof.

2.3.13.3.2.3 Subsequent Transfer of a Property Interest

Post-grant award, the subgrantee may convey a property interest only with the prior approval of the appropriate FEMA Regional Administrator and only to certain entities in accordance with 44 CFR § 80.19 (b) and this Guidance.

After acquiring the property interest, the subgrantee, including successors in interest, shall convey any interest in the property only if the appropriate FEMA Regional Administrator, through the State/Grantee, gives prior written approval of the transferee. The transferee must be another public entity or a qualified conservation organization. A qualified conservation organization means an organization with a conservation purpose where the organization has maintained that status for at least 2 years prior to the opening of the grant application period that resulted in the transfer of the property interest to the subgrantee, pursuant to Section 170(h) (3) and (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the applicable implementing regulations. The transferee must document its status as a qualified conservation organization, where applicable. Any request to convey an interest in the property must include a signed statement from the proposed



transferee that it acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the terms of the original mitigation grant/subgrant conveyance, 44 CFR Part 80, and this Guidance, and must reference and incorporate the original deed restrictions providing notice of the conditions in this section. The statement must also incorporate a provision for the property interest to revert to the subgrantee or Grantee in the event that the transferee ceases to exist or loses its eligible status as defined under this section. See 44 CFR § 80.19 for more information.

The subgrantee may convey an easement or lease to a private individual or entity for purposes compatible with the uses described in 44 CFR § 80.19 and this Guidance, with prior approval of the appropriate FEMA Regional Administrator, and as long as the conveyance does not include authority to control and enforce the terms and conditions identified above. The FEMA Regional Administrator may choose to consult with the FEMA Office of Chief Counsel in reviewing documents proposed to convey an interest in the property. Any lease or easement must be for uses compatible with open space purposes and are clearly subject to the land use and other restrictions of the property by reference and/or incorporation of the recorded deed restriction language.

2.3.13.3.2.4 Monitoring and Reporting and Inspection

The State/Grantee will work with subgrantees to ensure that the property is maintained in accordance with land use restrictions. The State/Grantee and subgrantees should jointly monitor and inspect acquired properties every 3 years to ensure that the inspected parcels continue to be used for open space purposes.

Every 3 years, the subgrantee, the State/Grantee, and FEMA must coordinate to ensure the subgrantee submits documentation to the appropriate FEMA Regional Administrator certifying that the subgrantee has inspected the subject property within the month preceding the report, and that the property continues to be maintained consistent with the provisions of the grant/subgrant.

If the property subsequently transfers to an allowable transferee, the subgrantee, the State/Grantee, and FEMA will coordinate with that entity to submit the information.

The State/Grantee, FEMA and the subgrantee have the right to enter the parcel, with notice, in order to inspect the property to ensure compliance with land use restrictions. Subgrantees may identify the open space nature of the property on local tax maps to assist with monitoring.

2.3.13.3.2.5 Enforcement

If the required monitoring (or other information) identifies that the subject property is not being maintained according to the terms of the grant, the subgrantee, State/Grantee, and FEMA are responsible for taking measures to bring the property back into compliance.

In the event a property is not maintained according to the identified terms, the State/Grantee shall notify the subgrantee (which includes successors in interest) that they have 60 days to correct the violation. If the subgrantee fails to demonstrate a good faith effort within the terms of the grant agreement within 60 days, the State/Grantee shall enforce the terms of the grant agreement by taking any measures it deems appropriate, including bringing an action of law or equity in a court of competent jurisdiction. If the State/Grantee fails to bring the property into compliance, then FEMA may enforce the terms of the grant agreement by taking any measures it deems appropriate including:



- Withholding FEMA mitigation awards or assistance from the State/Grantee, subgrantee, and current holder of the property interest (if different) pending corrective action;
- Requiring the transfer of title; and/or
- Bringing an action of law or equity in a court of competent jurisdiction against the State/Grantee, subgrantee, and/or their respective successors and assigns. FEMA also reserves the right to transfer the property title and/or easement to a qualified third party for future maintenance.

http://sp.r6.fema.net/fim/Shared%20Documents/Grant%20Guidance/HMA%20Non%20Disaster%20Guidance%20FY09_Final.pdf



Appendix B: “A Brief History of Bolivar Peninsula”

Bolivar Point

It is thought that Privateer Luis-Michele de Aury first used the name Bolivar to honor Simon Bolivar, liberator and president of five Latin American nations. Filibuster expeditions of Henry Perry, Warren Hall, and James Long started at Bolivar Point with a goal to end Spanish rule and start new republics. Long’s wife, Jane, braved harsh elements and gave birth to a daughter while waiting for her husband who did not return from his adventure.

By 1896, the Gulf and Interstate Railroad to Beaumont stopped in Bolivar Point, allowing local farmers to ship their produce to market on iced rail cars. Previously, produce was taken to Galveston by boat. Trains connecting to Galveston were taken across the bay on a barge. Fort Travis was built in 1898 and functioned through both world wars. For a time before World War I, cargo shipments were accepted at the port, but the 1915 storm devastated all dock improvements and most of the town. The residents that remained maintained small cattle farms and harvested seafood. Roads and a ferry were built in 1930. Before this, the only way to travel on the Peninsula was to drive along the beach. Source: “Bolivar Point,” by Melanie Wiggins, part of the Galveston County Historical Commission Marker File

Port Bolivar

Samuel Parr became the area’s first permanent settler in 1838 when he surveyed and claimed a league of land. Developers Archibald Wynn and William Lawrence purchased land and platted a town named Ishmael. However, when the first post office was established, it was named Gabion. In 1893, the community was renamed Port Bolivar.

In 1896, the Gulf and Interstate Railroad was built to connect Galveston and Beaumont. Port Bolivar began taking cargo ships and loading freight for transport on this line, and the town’s economy surged. After declines in shipping after World War I, and damages caused by the 1915 hurricane, many port facilities were not rebuilt. Although regular ferry service remained, the town’s economy switched to commercial fishing and tourism.

Source: Galveston County Historical Commission Marker Files (Port Bolivar)

Crystal Beach

Part of the area that became Crystal Beach was once a railroad and mail route stop named Patton, or Patton Beach. The post office operated under that name from 1889-1900. Local residents were ranchers, and many summer homes were also built there for part-time residents. In the early 1940s, the railroad closed and the community adopted the new name of Crystal Beach.

Source: Bolivar! Gulf Coast Peninsula by A. Pat Daniels; and Handbook of Texas



Caplen

The archeological record indicates this area was favored by Native Americans living on the peninsula. Caplen was named for John Caplen who surveyed the area in 1909. Locals occupying the area were involved in ranching, fishing, and hunting. At one time, muskrats could be trapped in the marshes and sold for their hides. During the summer months, the community's population grew significantly. Many residents from nearby East Texas counties built resort homes there, and two hotels served guests. After the 1915 hurricane, the railroad was relocated and some homes were not rebuilt, but the full-time residents of Caplen remained.

Source: Bolivar! Gulf Coast Peninsula by A. Pat Daniels

Gilchrist

The community of Gilchrist was named for Gibb Gilchrist who relocated and reconstructed the rail line from Port Bolivar to High Island after the 1915 hurricane. After his work as a civil engineer for the Santa Fe Railway, Gilchrist later became the state highway engineer and the first chancellor of what would become Texas A&M University. By 1950, the community had a post office and numerous businesses catering to tourists. As Hurricane Hilda was approaching in 1964, the postmaster installed wheels on the building and hauled it to High Island where it continued distribute mail. Afterwards, the portable post office moved back to Gilchrist.

One significant historical feature of this the community is Rollover Pass. This narrow strip of land got its name from the fact that sailors once used this spot to roll barrels of imported products from the Gulf side over to boats waiting on the East Bay side. By unloading this way, they could import goods to the Mainland and avoid paying fees to the customs agents in Galveston. This also happened in reverse, which allowed exported items to be loaded without formalities. Many years later, during the American Prohibition period, alcoholic beverages were smuggled through this pass. In 1955, Rollover Fish Pass was opened by the Texas Game and Fish Commission with the goal of providing an opportunity for fish to travel to and from spawning and feeding areas of the bay. This caused the pass to become one of the most popular fishing sites in the state.

Source: Bolivar! Gulf Coast Peninsula by A. Pat Daniels

High Island

The name of High Island suits this coastal community because it sits atop a salt dome about 45 feet above sea level. During severe flooding from storms, this is the only dry land seen for miles.

In 1834, Martin Dunman obtained a headright grant from Mexico and settled at High Island to raise cattle along with a few other families including Pirate Jean Lafitte's cabin boy Charles Cronea.

The Gulf and Interstate Railroad built a railroad to Beaumont along Bolivar Peninsula in 1886. A depot, hotels, stores, and other business were established in High Island. For a time the community was known for its mineral springs which was bottled and sold. The Seaview Hotel served as a shelter for many residents of Bolivar Peninsula during the hurricanes in 1900 and 1915.

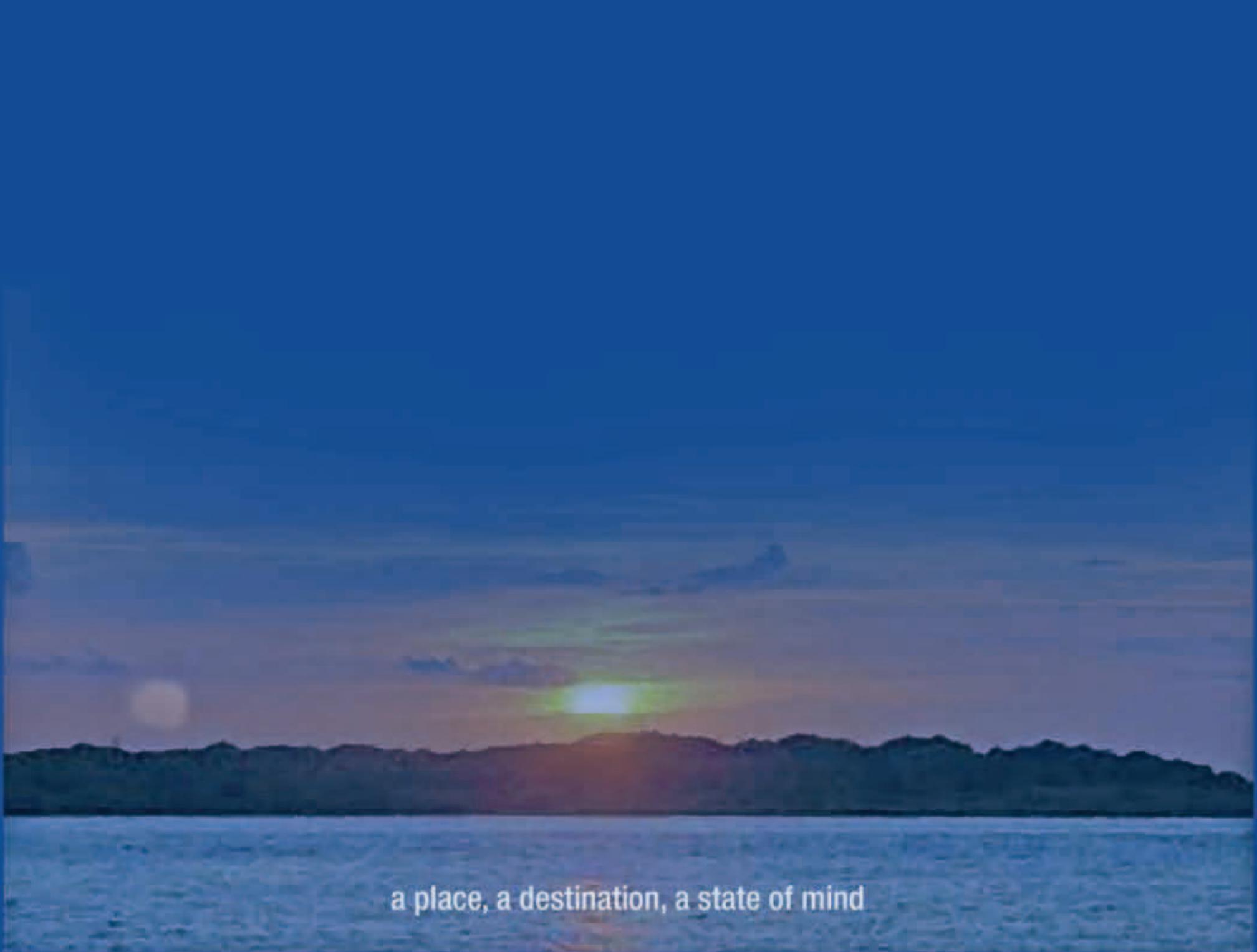


Many had speculated that oil could be found near the salt dome. Oil was discovered in 1916, and a major oil boom took place throughout the 1930s and 1940s.

Source: "High Island, Texas," by Melanie Wiggins from the Galveston County Historical Commission Marker File

Contributed by: Galveston County Historical Museum, Jodi Wright-Gidley, Director





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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GALVESTON

RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT

**GALVESTON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND
CONSERVATION/NATURAL RESOURCE MASTER PLAN AND
NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, recognizes that a parks, recreation, Open Space and Conservation/Natural Resource Master Plan and needs assessment is important to provide the County with detailed information on the needs and desires of the residents and the background information on the current and projected population, existing facilities and standards; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's Court commissioned the preparation of the attached Parks, Recreation Open Spaces and Conservation/Natural Resource Master Plan and Needs Assessment to establish the guidelines through the goals, objectives and priorities for the development of parks and recreation facilities in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County leaders, stakeholder groups and recreation organization made up of citizens participated in the development of the plan and have shared their input throughout the process; and

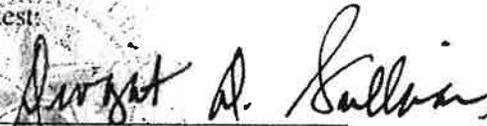
WHEREAS, public meetings/ Commissioners Court workshops were held on November 16, 2010, February 2, May 10, and October 25, 2011.

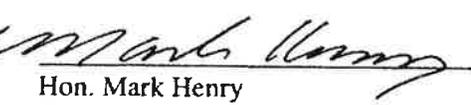
WHEREAS, implementation of the plan will be subject to annual review and dependant on availability of funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioner's Court of Galveston County, Texas: that it adopts the attached Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Conservation/Natural Resource Master Plan and Needs Assessment for the County of Galveston.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 7th day of February, 2012.

Attest:


Dwight Sullivan
County Clerk


Hon. Mark Henry
County Judge
Galveston County

Attachments: Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Conservation/Natural Resource Master Plan and Needs Assessment 2012-2019



Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Conservation/Natural Resource Master Plan Galveston, County Texas



Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services

January, 2012



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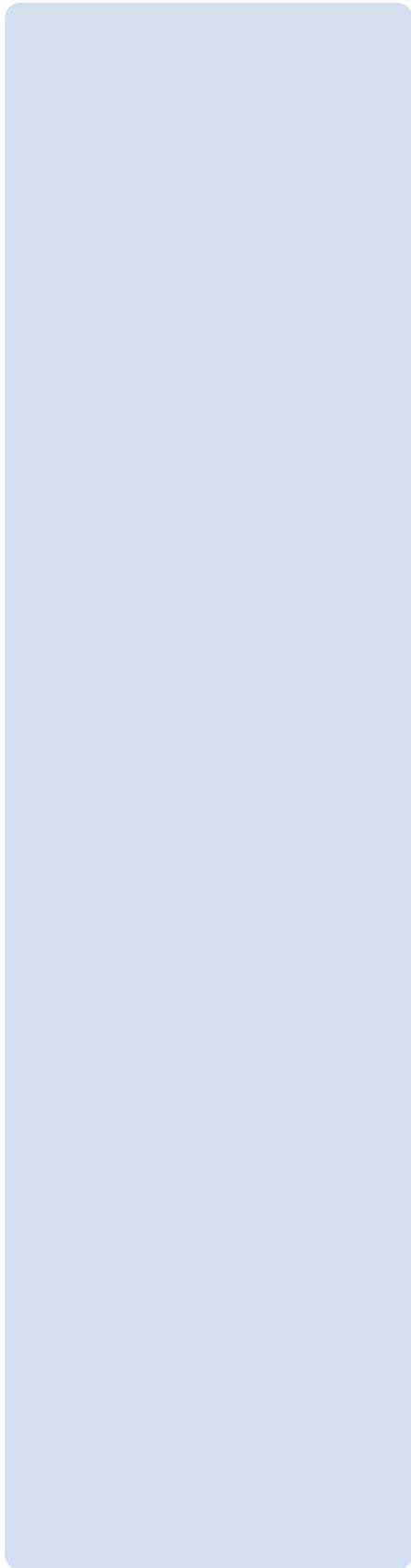


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Section One – Introduction

Geographic Context

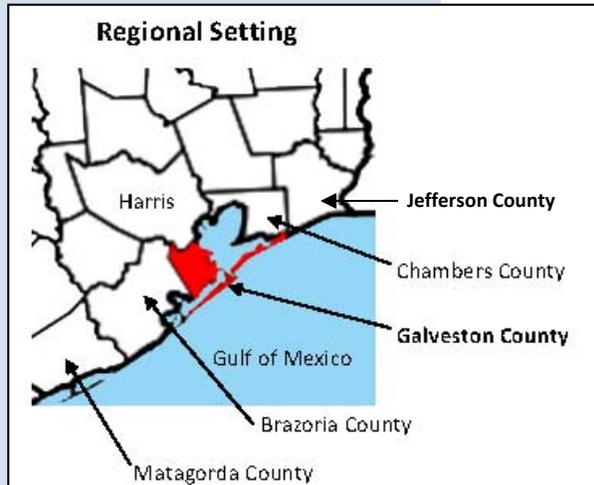


Illustration 1 – Regional setting

Galveston County, Texas, located southeast of Houston, is a county of approximately 291,309 residents. With approximately 390 square miles of land, Galveston County is bordered by Brazoria County to the southwest, Harris County to the northwest, Chambers County to the northeast, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south and east. Known as one of Texas' key recreation destinations, Galveston County is home to rich wildlife habitats that are found in its bays, marshes and coastal prairies.

Transportation to and from Galveston County is achieved via several systems which service the County. The primary highway system through Galveston County is Interstate 45, which runs north-south. There are also two secondary roads that serve the County in a north-south direction: Highway 3 and Highway 146. While there are no primary highways which run east-west, there is one secondary road: Highway 6. In addition, Bolivar Peninsula is served by ferries operated by The Texas Department of Transportation at land on the west end of the Peninsula at Port Bolivar. State Highway 87 runs the length of the Peninsula from Port Bolivar to High Island and is the main transportation route. Access to the mainland from the Peninsula is through High Island which then connects to IH 10 at Winnie.



Illustration 2 – Area cities within Galveston County

The City of Galveston is the County Seat of Galveston County. The northern areas of the Galveston County, in particular League City and Friendswood, are the fastest growing due to their proximity to Houston and NASA's Johnson Space Center. Other incorporated cities in Galveston County include Texas City, La Marque, Santa Fe, Hitchcock, Dickinson, and Kemah. Unincorporated areas in the County consist of the Bayview-Bacliff-San Leon community and Bolivar Peninsula.

In 1998 the Galveston County Commissioners Count adopted the original Galveston County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

Since then the Parks Department has aggressively implemented projects outlined in the 1998 Master Plan. In 2003 the County adopted the "Galveston County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update" which addressed incorporation of Senior Services and Programs into the Parks Department Administrative System.



Key Galveston County Demographics

- **2010 Population:** 291,309
- **Projected 2020 Population:** 350,000
- **Projected increase in Households from 2010 to 2020:** 114,000 to 139,000*
- **Average Household Size**
 - 2000 = 2.60
 - 2010 = 2.59
- **In Galveston County:**
 - 68.5% of all households are families
 - 32.6% of all households include children
 - 2.4% of all households with children under the age of 18 are lead by single males
 - 7.8% of all households with children under the age of 18 are lead by single females
- **Population In Poverty:**
 - 2010 - 14.7%; of that group 18.9% is under the age of 18
 - 2000 - 13.2%, of that group 17.6% is under the age of 18
- **Per Capita Income:**
 - 2000 \$21,568
 - 2010 \$27,768
- **Median Family Income**
 - 2000 \$42,419
 - 2010 \$55,883

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census

This master planning effort was initiated in 2010 to address the County's evolving park, recreation, open space and conservation needs. These needs are particularly important in coastal areas which were impacted by Hurricane Ike in 2008.

Demographic Trends

Since 2000, Galveston County has grown by 16.5% from a population of approximately 250,000 to over 291,000. This represents an average annual rate of 1.65% per year. However, this growth has not occurred uniformly across the County. While cities in the northern part of the County grew significantly, both Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula lost population as the result of Hurricane Ike. With a 2010 population of 81,998, League City has replaced the City of Galveston, population 47,743, as the largest city in the County.

With the growth of cities in the northern areas of Galveston County, The Department of Parks and Senior Services should continue focus on providing services to unincorporated areas and incorporated areas which are underserved.

Master Plan Purpose

Since the 2003 Master Plan update, residential and commercial development has continued at a brisk pace in Galveston County. This is particularly true for the northern areas of the County near Friendswood and League City. In addition to the strong growth in northern Galveston County, the destruction caused to much of Galveston County's coastal wildlife habitat and recreation areas in September 2008, has enhanced the need to prepare a new Master Plan that reflects current circumstances.

In order to continue planning for Galveston County's growth and to update the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department, Galveston County commissioned Halff Associates to prepare this Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan.

Specifically, this Master Plan:

1. Provides guidance for orderly and consistent park, recreation and open space enhancements in areas of Galveston County which are not served by municipal park systems; or are incorporated, but underserved.
2. Establish priorities and recommendations for the development of new Parks and Recreation facilities, based on the community based needs analysis.



3. Establish priorities and recommendations for improvements to existing County owned parks based on the community based needs analysis.
4. Provide recommendations and guidance for the acquisition and preservations of quality open space and wildlife habitat in Galveston County.
5. Recommend cooperative efforts to develop nature based recreation opportunities that enhance economic development through eco-tourism.

This document outlines the methods, results and recommendations of the Master Plan study and is intended to be used as a guide for future park, recreation and open space development within Galveston County.

Use of Master Plan

This Master Plan document establishes the guidelines which will direct the acquisition and development of parks, recreation areas, and open spaces for the next eight years. The Master Plan Drawing illustrates the general type and location of recommended parks and open spaces.

This document also includes specific recommendations for future land acquisition, park development and natural resources conservation initiatives to serve the growing population and needs of Galveston County residents.

Section III of this report includes a complete inventory of existing facilities. Section IV documents the results of the needs assessment as identified by the key stakeholders and public meetings. In Section V, the report identifies the recommended priorities for actual park development and natural resources conservation.

As the basis for the future development and fiscal planning of the Galveston County park system for the next eight years, this Master Plan should be reviewed annually during the County's budget process. This will ensure that plan implementation is on course, and that any changes in priorities are addressed by staff and Commissioners Court on a regular basis.

Basically, this Master Plan is a "Business Plan" for the Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services. This plan provides guidance for the acquisition of new park land, natural open space lands and the development of new park facilities.

This Master Plan should be reviewed and updated annually as part of the County's budgeting process, and as new opportunities for land acquisition or funding arise.



Section Two – Methodology

The Galveston County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was prepared using a two phase process. Phase 1 includes the inventory/supply analysis, and the needs assessment, while Phase 2 includes the priority ranking process, facilities recommendations and budget analysis. The results of the citizen input during the community meetings and the results of the telephone and web surveys drive the master plan recommendations in Phase 2.

Elements of the Park Master Plan

The Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan process includes the following seven key steps:

PHASE 1

Step 1 – Inventory & Supply Analysis

The first step included a complete inventory of all the existing public parks and recreation facilities in Galveston County. Using data provided by Galveston County, an inventory was prepared of all existing County owned parks, boat ramps and Senior Citizen Centers. Galveston County only provides recreation programming for its Senior/Community Center facilities. Therefore, no specific recommendations are included for recreation programming in this Master Plan.

Step 2 – Population and Standards Analysis

In this step, population growth and demographics were analyzed to determine which areas of the county fit within the County's mission of providing recreation facilities and amenities to unincorporated areas and incorporated areas which are underserved".

Step 3 – Demand Analysis and Needs Assessment

The needs assessment was performed through interviews, with each County Commissioner, key stakeholder meetings and four community meetings. Following the community meetings, a 400 respondent telephone survey was conducted. In addition, a web based survey was conducted over a period of four weeks to allow all interested residents to participate. These meetings and surveys provided an excellent overview of the needs and priorities for park facilities and natural resource conservation, particularly as they apply to outdoor recreation and nature based tourism.



Step 4 – Priority Ranking Analysis

In this step, the priorities for future park and recreation facilities and natural resource conservation initiatives were ranked from highest to lowest priority. The factors considered in prioritizing the recommendations include:

1. Results from the telephone and web based surveys,
2. Input from community meetings, and
3. Input from senior Parks Department staff

PHASE 2

Step 5 – Action Plan

After the priorities were ranked and adopted, a table/matrix was prepared to delineate the program of facilities to be provided at each park or County owned recreation venue, and for locations identified as a potential recreation or conservation initiatives.

The schedule for key initiatives and capital improvements is provided, based on available funding. Potential partners for capital improvements and initiatives is included with the Schedule.

Step 6 – Budget/Expenditure Analysis

Budget recommendations are provided for each park facility.

Step 7 – Final Master Plan

In this Step the Master Plan is presented to Commissioner’s Court for review and adoption. After adoption, the Master Plan is submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for review and approval. Upon approval by TPWD, the Master Plan will be printed and distributed.

Planning Process Diagram

This Master Plan represents the planning process that warrants annual evaluation by senior Parks Department staff and Commissioners Court. To qualify for Texas Parks and Wildlife grant funding, the needs assessment should be updated every five years. The plan should be reviewed annually and updated to revise recreation priorities, action items, and budget estimates for implementation. The following diagram illustrates the planning process for the Galveston County Parks, Recreation Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan:



Table 1 – Planning Process

The Master Plan Process is highly interactive and has involved many meetings and workshops:

- Five Meetings With County Commissioners and Judge
- Three Stakeholder Meetings
- Four Community Meetings
- Four Meetings With City Parks Directors In Galveston County
- Three Commissioner Court Workshops

This level of community input and participation ensures that the Galveston County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan is tailored to the specific needs of Galveston County and its residents.

Phase I – Inventory and Analysis

1. Inventory/Supply Analysis
 - Inventory of current county owned parks and facilities
 - Land proposed for park dedication
 - Existing recreation associations and organizations
 - Non-county park and conservation / natural resource recreation opportunities
2. Population and Standards Analysis
 - Analyze population and growth trends
 - Demographics analysis
3. Demands Analysis and Needs Assessment
 - Key Stakeholder Meeting
 - Public meetings with citizen input
 - Review meeting data from public input
 - Compile all data
 - Prepare needs Assessment summary
4. Priority Ranking Analysis
 - Complete priority rankings point system
 - Complete priority ranking chart
 - Present results of Standards analysis and Needs Assessment in Public Meeting

Phase II – Master Planning

5. Action Plan
 - Develop program for park and open space acquisition and development
 - Identify recreation facility needs
 - Identify natural resource and eco-tourism initiatives
 - Identify funding sources
 - Present Preliminary Master Plan to public and Commissioners Court
6. Budget/Expenditure Analysis
 - Complete budget recommendations
 - Complete expenditure time line
7. Final Master Plan
 - Present Preliminary and Final Master Plans to public and Commissioners Court
 - Commissioners Court adoption
 - Printing and distribution



Section Three - Inventory

Galveston County has a total land area of approximately 390 square miles. Within the Galveston park system are twenty two (22) parks, of which five (5) are considered to be “Regional Parks” and three (3) undeveloped “Nature Parks”. These are:

Regional Parks

- Bayshore Park
- Carbide Park
- Fort Travis Seashore Park
- Jack Brooks Park
- Walter Hall Park

Nature Parks

- Pocket Park # 4
- McAllis Point Preserve
- Ostermeyer Bayou

In total, the Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services department is responsible for maintaining and operating over 1,325 acres of park land. In addition, the Department maintains and operates eleven (11) boat ramps and four (4) senior citizen centers. Through joint-use agreements, the County may also be able to utilize facilities at additional sites owned by the cities and school districts in Galveston County.

During the first phase of the Master Plan process, a complete inventory was compiled of all the existing County parks, recreation facilities, senior citizens centers and open spaces owned and operated by the Galveston County Department of Parks and Senior Services. The County provided an acreage and amenity inventory for each of its parks throughout the County.

County Parks and Special Use Facilities

The existing park sites were analyzed in terms of acreage, ownership, the type of park and what facilities which are located on the park site. The information on the following pages illustrates the inventory of existing County owned parks and special use facilities:



Key Stakeholder Priorities

- **Bolivar Peninsula**
Nature based recreation to encourage tourism
 - Walking Trails
 - Paddling Trails
 - Fishing
 - Birding
 - Nature Photography
- **Bacliff – San Leon**
 - Community Center
 - Additional Little League Fields
 - New Regional Park
- **League City-Friendswood**
 - Paddling Trail
 - Walking Trail
 - Dog Park
- **Hitchcock – Santa Fe**
Additional Improvements at Jack Brooks Park
 - Model Aircraft Field Improvements
 - Disc Golf Facilities
 - Equestrian Trails
 - Bicycle Trails

Section Four – Needs Assessment

Halff Associates worked closely with the Galveston County Parks Staff to tailor a process for determining and analyzing current and future recreation needs. This Chapter described the methods and findings of the Needs Assessment process.

County Leader Interview Findings

The Judge and County Commissioners echoed the following goals concerning the direction that the Parks Department should head in the next five years:

- ***Current budgets are extremely tight. New, but smaller project, such as playgrounds, must be funded out of the County's General Fund. Parks and Recreation staff is to continue to seek multiple funding sources and search for multiple partnerships for the development of new facilities.***
- ***The County's role in parks and recreation should continue to be in the area of regional parks, versus local or neighborhood parks.***
- ***The County should continue to evaluate its inventory of parks in areas that are urbanizing, particularly in the northern areas of the county near Friendswood, League City and Dickinson. Ideally, "non-regional" parks in these areas can be transferred from County ownership to municipal ownership.***

Municipal Park Director Interview Findings

While the focus of the Galveston County Department of Parks & Senior Services is to serve unincorporated areas and incorporated areas that are underserved, the Department also partners with the cities that have their own parks departments. Typically the Department helps support grant applications and sometimes participates with the funding and development of new facilities.

Meetings held with local municipal parks and recreation directors to identified future opportunities for partnering in the development of new facilities, including:



Key Telephone Survey Findings**Parks Visited Most Often**

Walter Hall Park
 Jack Brooks Park
 Beach Pocket Parks
 Carbide Park
 Runge Park

Childrens' Recreation Priorities

Going to County Fair
 Bicycle Riding
 Fishing - Saltwater
 Walking / Jogging
 Baseball

Adults' Recreation Priorities

Walking / Jogging
 Fishing – Saltwater
 Going to County Fair
 Bicycle Riding
 Fishing – Freshwater

Key Web Survey Findings**Parks Visited Most Often**

Beaches on Bolivar
 Bayshore Park
 Walter Hall Park
 Ft. Travis Park
 Jack Brooks Park

Childrens' Recreation Priorities

Fishing - Saltwater
 Canoeing / Kayaking
 Walking / Jogging
 Bicycle Riding
 Baseball

Adults' Recreation Priorities

Walking / Jogging
 Fishing – Saltwater
 Bird Watching
 Canoeing / Kayaking
 Hiking

- Future paddling trails and hiking trails along Clear Creek
- Future Dog Park in League City
- Joint development of new regional detention pond in west League City
- Future trails, open play area and pond at Central Park in Texas City
- Possible joint development of paddling and hike/bike trails along west end of Galveston Island

Public Meeting and Stakeholder Findings

As part of the Needs Assessment process, community meetings throughout the county were conducted with County leaders, stakeholder groups and recreation organizations. The Needs Assessment included the following meetings:

Stakeholder Meetings

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| • Houston Audubon Society | 6/29/2010 |
| • Houston Wilderness | 7/07/2010 |
| • Bolivar Blueprint | 7/13/2010 |

Community Meetings

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Crystal Beach Community Center | 7/20/2010 |
| • Bacliff – San Leon Community Center | 7/22/2010 |
| • Wayne Johnson Center | 7/27/2010 |
| • Walter Hall Park | 7/29/2010 |

Although the County has been addressing needs and priorities outlined in the 1998 and 2003 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plans, the county's recreation needs continue to evolve. The comments from the public meetings generally address the lack of facilities in certain areas of the County. For instance, on Bolivar Peninsula, recreation facilities and infrastructure are identified in the Bolivar Blueprint to help reestablish a "Nature Tourism" based economy. Residents of Bolivar Peninsula want trails, birding sites, enhanced fishing opportunities and replacement of facilities at Gregory Park.

In the Bayview/ Bacliff/ San Leon area, residents want a community center and improved little league baseball fields.

In the northern part of the County, residents who attended the meeting at Walter Hall Park wanted a "dog park", and a paddling trail along Clear Creek.



Survey Methods

Surveys provide insight into residents' recreation activities, preferences and needs. The telephone survey provides a statistically valid sampling of resident throughout the County. The web survey provides an opportunity for anyone and everyone to provide input into the survey process.

Both surveys are used to confirm the range of interests and recreation preferences in different areas of the county.

Telephone Survey "Parks Visited Most Often"

1. Walter Hall Park
2. Jack Brooks Park
3. Beach Pocket Parks
4. Carbide Park
5. Runge Park

Web Survey "Parks Visited Most Often"

1. Beach on Bolivar
2. Bayshore Park
3. Walter Hall Park
4. Ft. Travis Park
5. Jack Brooks Park

"Park Visited Least Often" (Both Surveys)

1. Holbrook Park

Residents in the western and central areas of the County who attended the community meeting at the Johnson Center in Carbide Park were interested in improvements to Jack Brooks Park, particularly at the remote controlled model aircraft field, the disc golf course and the trails.

Telephone and Web Survey Findings

To further document and understand the park and recreation needs of Galveston County residents, telephone and web based surveys were conducted. 367 telephone surveys were completed with randomly selected residents between August 16, 2010 and September 30, 2010. An additional 346 respondents completed the web based survey during that same time frame.

Survey results were analyzed by mode of the survey - phone or web, as well as collectively.

The ranking of "Parks Most Visited" varies greatly between the two survey methods. The web based survey is strongly slanted to coastal parks, the opposite of the telephone survey. This different response in the web survey results is attributable to the efforts of the "Bolivar Blueprint" and PENDECO organizations, who actively participated in community meetings on the Peninsula. A key distinction of the web survey vs the phone survey is that traditional "land line" telephone service on the peninsula is still disrupted and most residents rely on cell phone service, which does not lend itself to the conduct of telephone surveys.

Similarly, the residents of Bacliff and San Leon (BSL) were very active and vocal at the public meeting held at the County Annex building. These residents are organized and highly motivated. Given the high level of interest and participation of the BSL residents, it is not surprising that improvement of Bayshore Park, or construction of an entirely new park in the area, ranked as number 2 on the web survey.

Because it is statistically valid, if we only consider the telephone survey, we see that Walter Hall and Jack Brooks Parks together are more highly visited than all other county parks put together, with a combined visitation rate of 58.8%. The Beach Pocket Parks and the Beach on the Bolivar Peninsula are not actually operated as County Parks. The County maintains some control and policing of beaches at Bolivar, but the beaches are not operated as "a park" in the same sense that Walter Hall and Jack Brooks Parks are operated.



Also, the Beach Pocket Parks on Galveston Island are now operated by the Galveston Beach and Parks Board under an interlocal agreement with Galveston County, and are not part of the County's park inventory from an operational perspective.

When the beaches on Bolivar and the Beach Pocket Parks are excluded, Carbide, Hopkins, Bayshore, Lobit and Ft. Travis Parks collectively account for 38% of the park visitors. This leaves Gregory, Noble Carl and Holbrook Parks with 3.2% of the visitors.

Both Gregory Park and Noble Carl Park are located on the Bolivar Peninsula and have been used as special use parks, unlike Walter Hall and Jack Brooks, which have a variety of facilities and attract wide variety of users. Both Gregory and Noble Carl Parks are being "repurposed" as part of Hurricane Ike recovery efforts.

This leaves Holbrook Park, which received the lowest visitation rates on both the phone Survey and the web survey. Currently Holbrook is being operated as a girls' softball facility, with no other amenities. This essentially means that Holbrook is a special use park and is not being used or operated in the same manner as the flagship parks, Walter Hall and Jack Brooks.

An additional note: No responses indicating Galveston Island State Park as a destination were received. This is likely due to its closure after Hurricane Ike. Further investigation of partnering opportunities with TPWD for activities and programs at the State Park should be investigated.



Section Five – Priorities

The Priority Ranking Summary was presented to Commissioners Court on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in a public workshop.

Another Commissioners Court public workshop was held on February 2, 2011 to present Analysis and Inventory Phase to date and to review Recreation Priorities.

Priority Summary

As a means of incorporating the Needs Assessment input from county leader meetings, public meetings; and to reflect the specific knowledge of senior parks staff, the Priority Ranking Matrix on the following page was developed.

The Matrix represents a systematic process for including input from a variety of sources and developing numerical values for establishing priority rankings in a logical and defensible manner. As determined by the Priority Ranking Matrix, the priorities for outdoor and indoor recreation as well as senior citizen needs are as follows:

Table 3 – Recreation Priorities

Ranking	Activity/Facility
1.	Picnicking
2.	Playgrounds
3.	Walking / Jogging
4.	Salt Water Fishing
5.	Bicycle Riding
6.	Festivals
7.	Dog Park
8.	Hiking
9.	Fresh Water Fishing
10.	Canoeing / Kayaking
11.	Camping / RV Camping
12.	Horseback Riding
13.	Bird Watching & Nature Study
14.	Little League Baseball
15.	Basketball
16.	Soccer
17.	Disc Golf
18.	Tennis
19.	Sand Volleyball
20.	Softball
21.	Rollerblading / Skateboarding



Role of the County in Parks, Recreation and Natural Resource Conservation

Galveston County is rich in natural resources, such as migratory bird habitat, coastal wetlands, tidal sand and mud flats, gulf and bay shorelines, and coastal prairies. The value of these natural resources is reflected in the “Texas Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Plan” (TCELCP), which was adopted by the State of Texas in July 2010. The TCELCP identifies the following Coastal Natural Resource Areas for conservation and restoration:

- Coastal Wetlands: marshes, bottomland hardwoods
- Coastal Shore Areas: areas 100 ft landward of the highwater mark on submerged land
- Critical Dune Area: Sand dune complexes within 1,000 of mean high tide
- Coastal Barriers: Undeveloped areas on barrier islands and peninsulas

Under the TCELCP, these areas are to receive special management for their “**conservation, ecological, recreational, historical or aesthetic values**”.

In addition to ecological and environmental reasons, natural resource conservation is critical to preserve and grow nature based recreation and tourism, which includes birding, fishing, camping, nature photography, kayaking and canoeing and camping. This is where Galveston County’s role is important. The County has recently teamed with the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) for the acquisition and preservation of sensitive habitats at McAllis Point and Ostermayer Bayou. These sites will be preserved for wildlife habitat while providing limited recreation access for birding and kayaking / canoeing.

“Ecotourism” or “Nature Tourism” is a big business in Texas. The following examples illustrate the value and potential impact that Nature Tourism represents to Galveston County:

- In “The Economic Value of the Texas Gulf Coast”, issued by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 25% of Texas residents live within the 18 county coastal region. Approximately 5 million residents live within 100 miles of Galveston County.
- According to “Texas Gulf Coast On Line”, tourists spend more than \$7.5 billion annually for “beaches, bird watching, fishing, the mild winter and colorful local history”. In addition, along the Texas Gulf Coast, saltwater fishing is a \$2 billion dollar business, annually.



Houston Wilderness, a regional non-profit organization, in collaboration with the SSPEED Center at Rice University, are sponsoring a feasibility study for the creation of a national recreation area that currently includes four (4) coastal counties:

- Brazoria
- Chambers
- Galveston
- Matagorda

The study focuses on the use of land which is susceptible to flooding due to hurricane storm surge for nature tourism.

- According to the State Comptroller's Office in a 2008 report, out of state visitors spend over \$15.7 million annually in Texas for "Birding" and related nature tourism.

Not only are Galveston County's natural resources economically important from a recreation and tourism standpoint, they are also significant because:

- Wetlands support 60 – 90% of commercial fisheries in the U.S.
- Wetlands are recognized for their value to human health and economics
- Wetlands are protected by federal and state regulations

The Proposed "Lone Star National Recreation Area"

The proposed Lone Star National Recreation Area (LSNRA) presents Galveston County with the opportunity to be involved in establishing a new, nature tourism based economy on the Bolivar Peninsula, and other areas of the County where development is restricted by the "Coastal Barrier Resources Act of 1982" (COBRA). Within so called "COBRA Zones", the expenditure of federal funds for flood insurance, federal loans and other typical disaster recovery aid is prohibited. The LSNRA feasibility study seeks to determine the feasibility and ongoing operations strategies for the creation of regional organization to promote economic growth based on nature tourism.

For all these reasons, Galveston County has a critical role in natural resource conservation and has the opportunity to play a significant role in nature tourism within the Upper Texas Gulf Coast. Simply stated, it is good business.

Master Plan Goals

Pursuant to the findings of the needs assessment, and in recognition of the County's role in providing parks, recreation and natural resource conservation, the following priorities have been adopted to address the needs of Galveston County residents:

1. Provide a geographic distribution of quality parks and recreation opportunities, throughout the County, to fairly serve residents of all ages and socioeconomic status
2. Provide park and recreation facilities and opportunities using available resources and participation from as many public and private partners as possible to avoid duplication of expenditures and resources.



3. Develop new facilities which meet identified needs of residents to recognized state or national quality standards.
4. Acquire, protect and preserve open space and natural resource areas within Galveston County for the benefit of current and future generations.

Implementation Strategies

Based upon the Master Plan Goals, the recreation needs of the citizens of Galveston County will be addressed through a series of steps or strategies identified below:

Recreation Strategies

1. Continue to focus on the development and operation of Regional Parks and facilities, as opposed to Community Parks and Neighborhood Parks.
2. Provide a new regional park and community center in the Northeast quadrant of the County to serve the Bayview, Bacliff and San Leon communities.
3. Collaborate with public and private organizations to fund the acquisition of new park lands and the further development of existing parks and recreation amenities in order to minimize the direct cost to Galveston County residents.
4. Promote and increase revenue generating facilities and programs within the County Parks Department
5. Identify or create a nonprofit organization (501.c.3) as a partner to promote and develop recreation facilities and conservation programs in Galveston County.

Natural Resource Conservation Strategies

Collaborate with public and private organizations to acquire and conserve public open space. Potential partners include:

- Local cities in Galveston County
- PenDeCo
- The Trust for Public Lands
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department
- Ducks Unlimited
- The Audubon Society
- The Sierra Club



- Galveston Bay Foundation
- Galveston Bay Estuary Program
- Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC)
- Houston Wilderness
- The Texas State General Land Office
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- University of Texas Medical Branch

Operational Strategies

In addition from an operational perspective, the Galveston County Parks and Senior Services Department will follow strategies to stream line operations and increase operational efficiencies as noted below:

1. To increase operational and maintenance efficiencies for the County, every effort should be made to transfer appropriate community and neighborhood parks located within cities to the local municipality. This can be done through a transfer of ownership or by the creation of an inter local agreement. Therefore, over a period of time, and in concert with the appropriate local government, this strategy can be accomplished. The parks suggested for transfer to local operators are:

- Paul Hopkins Park, Dickinson
- Ray Holbrook Park, Dickinson
- Elva Lobit Park, League City
- 61st Boat Ramp /Washington Park, Galveston

For the purpose of this Master Plan, “transfer” refers to placing the operation and maintenance of existing county properties under the jurisdiction of another local entity. This can be done by transfer of title or by long term lease agreements.

2. Once the new regional park and community center are opened in Bacliff/San Leon area, close the Bacliff Senior Citizens Center and remove the following parks from County Parks Department management:

- Paul Hopkins Park, Dickinson
- Ray Holbrook Park, Dickinson
- Elva Lobit Park, League City

3. Formalize and strengthen operations and managements agreements with leagues and user groups. New agreements should increase revenue to the county, if the county is to perform maintenance, or delegate increased maintenance and operations to the league/user group.



Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan Table that follows this page depicts specific steps or actions for the County Parks Department to initiate. The Implementation Plan also includes accomplishments from previous Master Plans, as well as new recommendations on a “site by site basis”. The Implementation Plan is to be updated yearly as the economic climate improves, as part of the annual budget process.

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Master Plan

The “Master Plan” exhibit shows the general location of existing and proposed Implementation Plan items within Galveston County. Not all of the recommendations indicated include specific locations because of potential fluctuations inland prices and the availability of land.



Bayshore Park

Available Amenities:

Lighted Baseball Field(1)
Multi-use Fields w/ Backstops (4)
Boat Ramp w/ Courtesy Docks
Historic Site
Small Covered Picnic Areas (3)
Large Picnic Pavilion

Acreage: 28

Walking Trail
Festival Grounds
Restroom Building
Playscape

Address:

5437 East FM 646

Bacliff



Beach Pocket Park # 1

(Operated by Galveston Beach and Parks Board)

Available Amenities:

Off Beach Parking

Acreage: 7

Address:

FM 3005 At 7 ½ Mile Road
Galveston



Beach Pocket Park # 2

(Operated by Galveston Beach and Parks Board)

Available Amenities:

Off Beach Parking
Restroom Facilities w/ Showers
Concessions

Acreage: 10

Address:

11102 FM 3005 @ 9 Mile Road
Galveston



Beach Pocket Park # 3

(Operated by Galveston Beach and Parks Board)

Available Amenities:

Off Beach Parking
Restroom Building w/ Showers
Concessions

Acreage: 10

Address:

FM 3005 At 11 Mile Rd.
Galveston



Beach Pocket Park #4 Nature Preserve

Available Amenities:
Undeveloped

Acreage: 71

Address: FM 3005 at 19 Mile Rd
Galveston, Texas



Carbide Park

Available Amenities:

Lighted Basketball Court	Large Picnic Pavilion (1)
Playscape (2)	Small Covered Picnic Areas (2)
Lighted Tennis Courts (2)	BBQ Pavilion
Community Garden	Community Center
Therapy Garden	Football Field
Multi-Use Field	AgriLife Extension Service Building

Acreage: 70**Address:**4102 Main St.
La Marque

Desoto Park

Available Amenities:
Practice Backstops (2)

Acreage: 1.8

Address:
Avenue J at 6th Street
San Leon



Elva Lobit Park

Available Amenities:

- Lighted Baseball Field
- Open Basketball Court
- Football/Soccer Fields (3)
- Large Picnic Pavilion
- Concessions
- Restroom Building

Acreage: 28

Address:

1901 East FM 646
League City



Fort Crockett Seawall Park

Available Amenities:

Historic Site
Picnic Areas (7)

Acreage: 2

Address:

Galveston Seawall
Between 45th St. and 53rd St.
Galveston



Fort Travis Seashore Park

Available Amenities:

Cabanas (6)
Camping Area
Historic Site / Military Bunkers
Walking Trail
Small Covered Picnic Areas (3)
Wetland Overlooks (3)

Acreage: 70

Playscape
Sand Volleyball
Parks Service Center
Restrooms w/ Showers

Address:

900 SH 87
Port Bolivar



Gregory Park

Available Amenities:

- Lighted Covered Basketball Court
- Lighted Baseball Field
- Large Picnic Pavilion
- Festival Grounds

Acreage: 15

Address:

SH 87
Crystal Beach



Jack Brooks Park

Available Amenities:

Archery Range
Lighted Baseball Complex
Basketball Court
Playscape (3)
Model Airplane Field

Disc Golf Course (2)
Fair Grounds
Covered Rodeo Arena
Open Rodeo Arena
Historic Site – Camp Wallace
Horseshoe Pits

Amenities Continued

Bicycle Trail
Equestrian Trail
Interpretative Trail
Large Picnic Pavilion (3)
Small Covered Picnic Areas (3)
Sand Volleyball Courts
Practice Backstops (5)
Restroom Buildings (4)
Football / Soccer Fields (4)
Lighted Tennis Courts (2)
Canoe / Kayak Launch

Acreage: 678

Address:

5700 FM 2004
Hitchcock



La Salle Park

Available Amenities:

Baseball Field (1)
Restroom Building w/ Concessions(1)

Acreage: 2.2

Address:

18th Street at Avenue C
San Leon



McAllis Point Nature Preserve

Available Amenities: Undeveloped

Acreage: 80+

Address: W. Galveston Island
Galveston, Texas



Noble Carl Park

Available Amenities:

- Playscape
- Walking Trail
- Small Covered Picnic Areas (3)
- Large Picnic Pavilion
- Community Center / Meeting Facilities

Acreage: 11

Address:

1760 SH 87
Crystal Beach

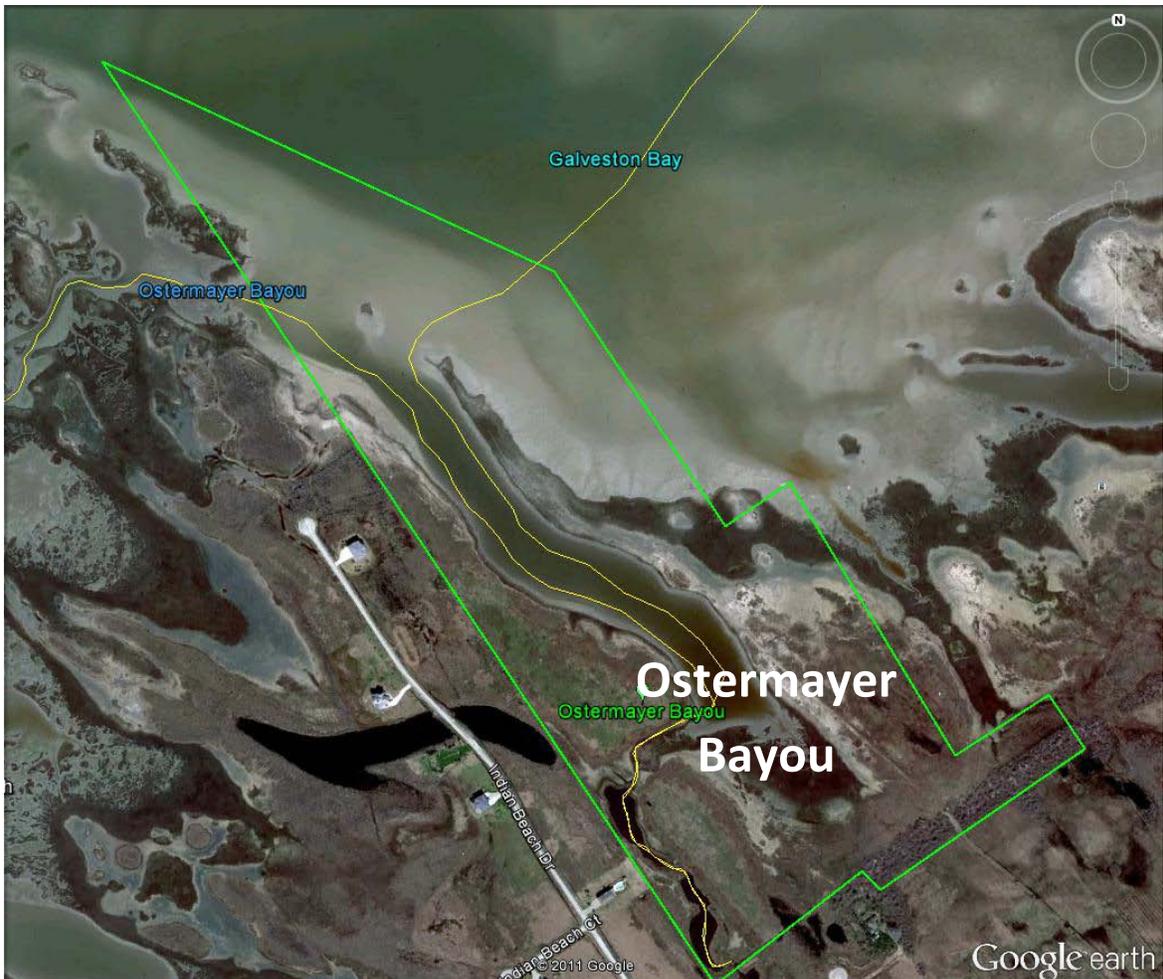


Ostermayer Bayou Nature Preserve

Available Amenities:
Undeveloped

Acreage: 84 +

Address: FM 3005 at Indian Beach Rd.
West Galveston Island
Galveston, Texas



Paul Hopkins Park

Available Amenities:

- Boardwalk with Overlook
- Interpretive Trail
- Small Covered Picnic Areas (4)
- Large Picnic Pavilion
- Playscape
- Restroom Building

Acreage: 11

Address:

1000 A FM 517
Dickinson



Port Bolivar Community Park

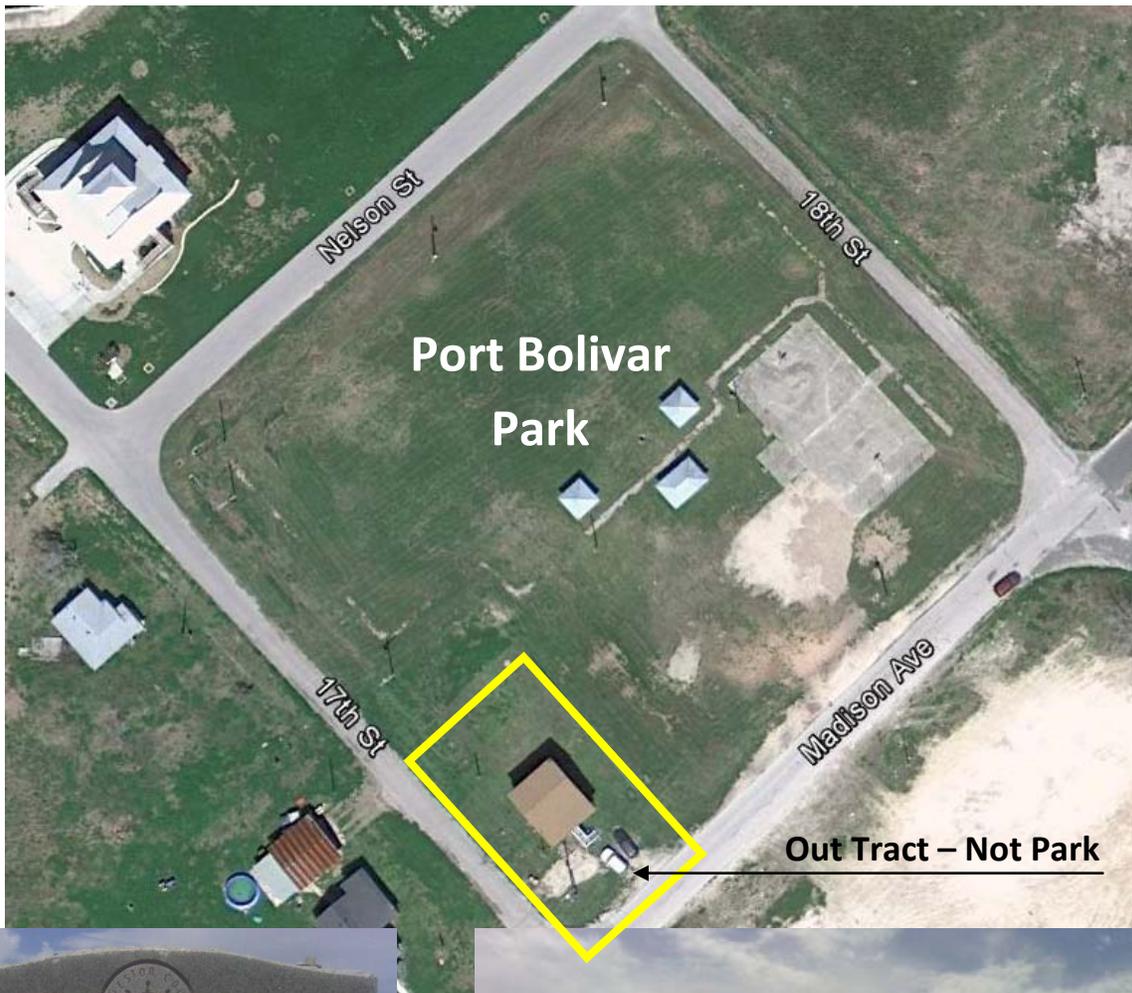
Available Amenities:

Picnic Areas (3)
Basketball Court
Practice Backstop

Acreeage: 2.2

Address:

18th Street at Madison
Port Bolivar



Ray Holbrook Park

Available Amenities:

- Softball Fields (4)
- Small Covered Picnic Areas (5)
- Restroom Building

Acreage: 33

Address:

3600 Owens Drive
Dickinson



Runge Park

Available Amenities:

- Lighted Baseball Fields (4)
- Multi-Use Field
- Community Center / Meeting Facilities
- Restroom / Concession Building
- Restroom Building
- Open Rodeo Arena
- Covered Rodeo Arena
- Large Picnic Pavilion
- Playscape

Acreage: 20

Address:

4605 Peck Ave.
Santa Fe



Walter Hall Park

Available Amenities:

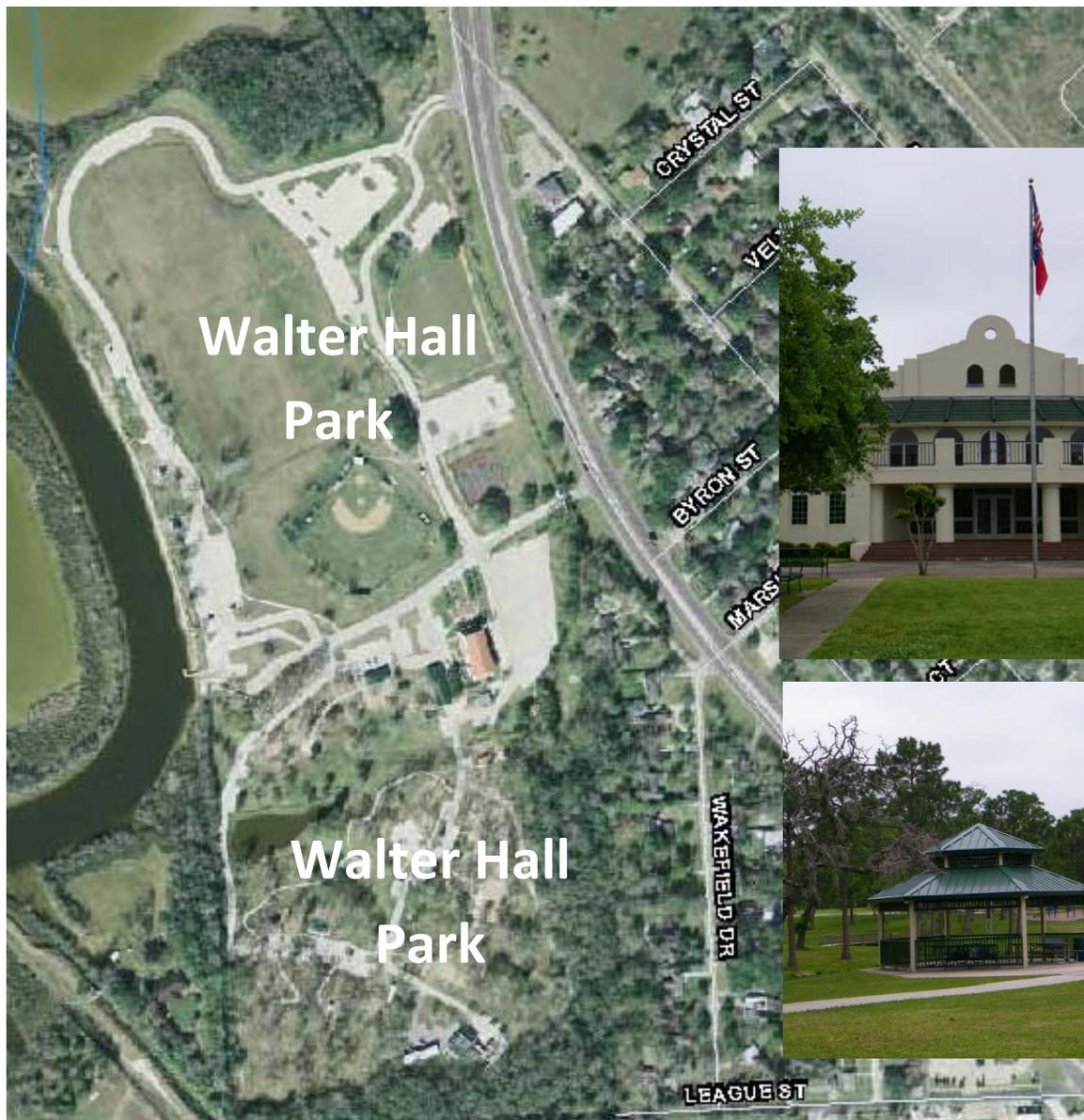
Lighted Baseball Field
Boat Ramp w/ Courtesy Docks
Historic Site
Playscape (2)
Soccer / Football Fields (4)
Lighted Tennis Courts (2)
Gazebo
Community Meeting Building
Wetlands Observation Platform

Acreage: 86

Walking Trail
Small Covered Picnic Areas (3)
Large Picnic Pavilion (3)
Restroom Building (2)
Fishing Pier
Parks Service Center
Boardwalk

Address:

807 SH 3 N
League City



Washington Park & 61st Boat Ramp

Available Amenities:

Boat Ramp w/ Courtesy Docks
Fishing Pier

Acreage: 1

Address:

61st Street at Offats Bayou
Galveston

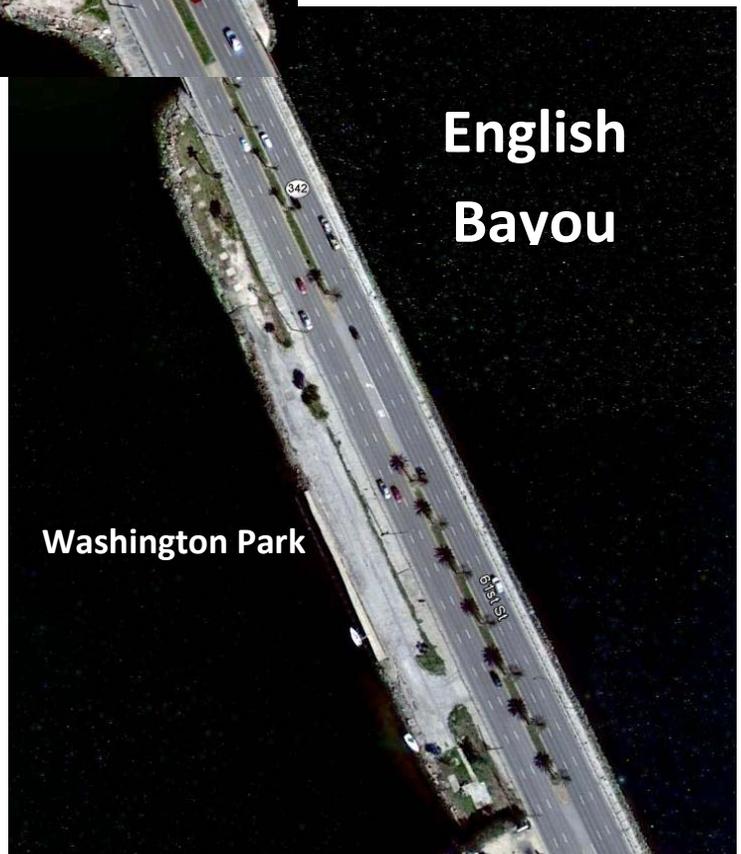
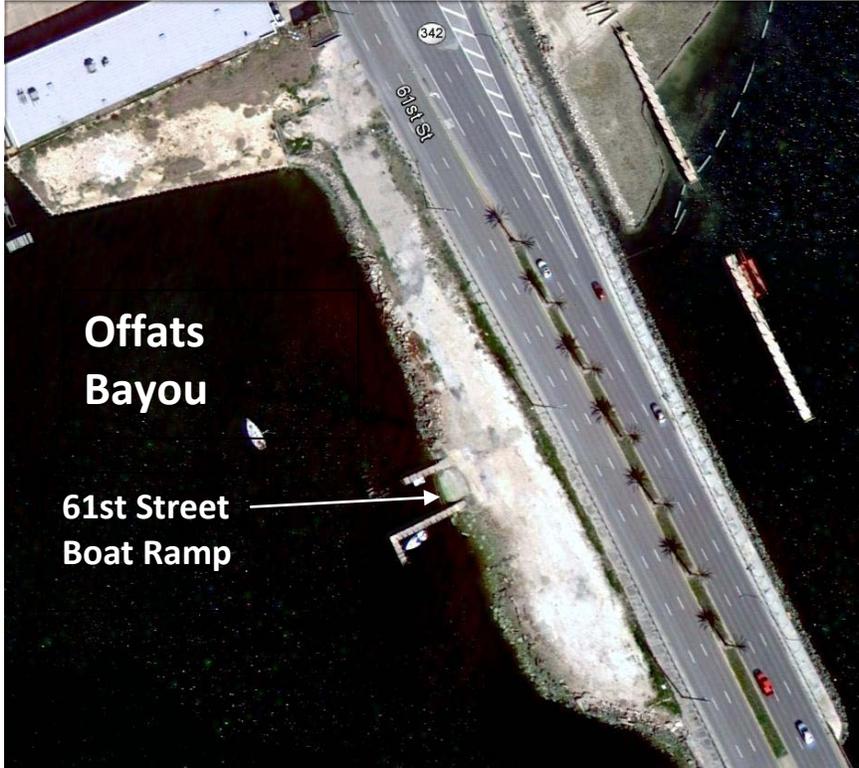


Table 2 - Inventory of Existing Galveston County Parks and Recreation Facilities

Key #	Park Name	Overall Acreage		Address	Walking Trail	Bicycle Trail	Equestrian Trail	Interpretative Trail	Playscape	Practice Backstop	Basketball Courts - Not Lighted or Covered	Lighted Basketball Court	Covered Basketball Courts	Boat Ramp w/ Courtesy Docks	Fishing Pier	Canoe / Kayak Launch	Boardwalk	Wetlands Overlook	Soccer/Football Field	Multi-Use Fields	Lighted Baseball Field	Softball Fields (not lighted)	Model Airplane Field	Lighted Tennis Court	Sand Volleyball Court	Horseshoe Pits	Archery Range	Disc Golf Course	Fair / Festival Grounds	Gazebo	Small Covered Picnic / BBQ Areas	Large Picnic / BBQ Pavilion	Concessions	Community Meeting Building	Community Garden	Camping	Cabanas	Open Air Riding Arena	Covered Rodeo / Riding Arena	Historic Site	Park Service Center	Parking	Restroom Building				
		Und.	Dev.																																												
County Owned Park & Open Space Facilities																																															
1	Bayshore Park	28		5437 East FM 646, Bacliff	1				1	4				1							4	1							1		3	1										1		Y	1		
2	Beach Pocket Park # 1**	7		FM 3005 At 7 1/2 Mile Rd.																																									Y		
3	Beach Pocket Park # 2**	10		FM 3005 At 9 Mile Rd.																																									Y	1	
4	Beach Pocket Park # 3**	10		FM 3005 At 11 Mile Rd.																																									Y	1	
5	Beach Pocket Park # 4 Nature Preserve	71		FM 3005 At 19 Mile Rd.																																									N		
6	Carbide Park	70		4102 Main Street, La Marque					2			1							1	1			2							2	1		2	2							1	Y	1				
7	Desoto Park	1.8		Avenue J, San Leon					2																																			N			
8	Elva Lobit Park	28		1901 E. FM 646, League City							1								3		1																						Y	1			
9	Fort Crockett Seawall Park**	2		Seawall Blvd At 45th to 53rd St.																										7												1	Y				
10	Fort Travis Seashore Park	70		900 SH 87, Port Bolivar	1				1									3						1						3						1	6				1	1	Y	1			
11	Gregory Park	15		SH 87, Crystal Beach								1	1								1								1		1												N				
12	Jack Brooks Park	678		5700 FM 2004, Hitchcock	1	1	1	3	5	1					1			4		3		1	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	3									1	1	1		Y	4			
13	La Salle Park	2.2		18th St. at Avenue C, San Leon																	1																						N	1			
14	McAllis Point Nature Preserve - Undeveloped	80		FM 3005 At Indian Beach Rd.																																								N			
15	Noble Carl Park	11		1760 SH 87, Crystal Beach	1				1																					3	1		1										Y				
16	Ostermeyer Bayou Nature Preserve - Undev'd.	84		FM 3005 at Indian Beach Rd.																																								N			
17	Paul Hopkins Park	11		1000 A FM 517, Dickinson				1	1								1	1												4	1													Y	1		
18	Port Bolivar Community Park	2.2		18th St. at Madison, Port Bolivar						2	1																			3														N			
19	Ray Holbrook Park	33		3600 Owens Drive, Dickinson																		4								5														Y	1		
20	Runge Park	20		4605 Peck Avenue, Santa Fe					1												4										1	1	1										Y	1			
21	Walter Hall Park	86		807 SH 3 N., League City	1				2					1	1	1	1	1	4		1			2					1	3	3		1										1	1	Y	2	
22	Washington Park & 61st Street Boat Ramp ***	1		61st Street, Galveston										1	1																													N			
Total Facilities		235	1086		4	1	1	2	12	13	3	2	1	3	2	2	5	12	5	12	4	1	6	2	1	1	2	4	1	36	13	2	5	2	1	6	2	2	5	3	0	16					

** Managed by Galveston Beach and Parks Board - Closed Due to Hurricane Damage

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Table 2.1 - Inventory of Existing Galveston County Boat Ramp Facilities

Map Key #	Facility Name	Lanes	Launching Pier	Parking	Tie Up Space / Courtesy Dock	Fishing Pier	Restrooms	Picnic Tables	Fishing Stand
28	Baycliff Boat Ramp	1	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
29	Bayshore Park Boat Ramp	2	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
30	Ben Blackledge Boat Ramp	4	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
31	Dickinson Bayou @ Hwy 146	2	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
32	Dickinson Bayou @ Hwy 3	2	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
33	Hitchcock Boat Ramp	2	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
34	Jones Bay Boat Ramp	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
35	Walter Hall Boat Ramp	2	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
36	Lauderdale Boat Ramp	2	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
37	61st Boat Ramp***	2	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
38	Pilsner Boat Ramp	2	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N

***Scheduled for Redevelopment

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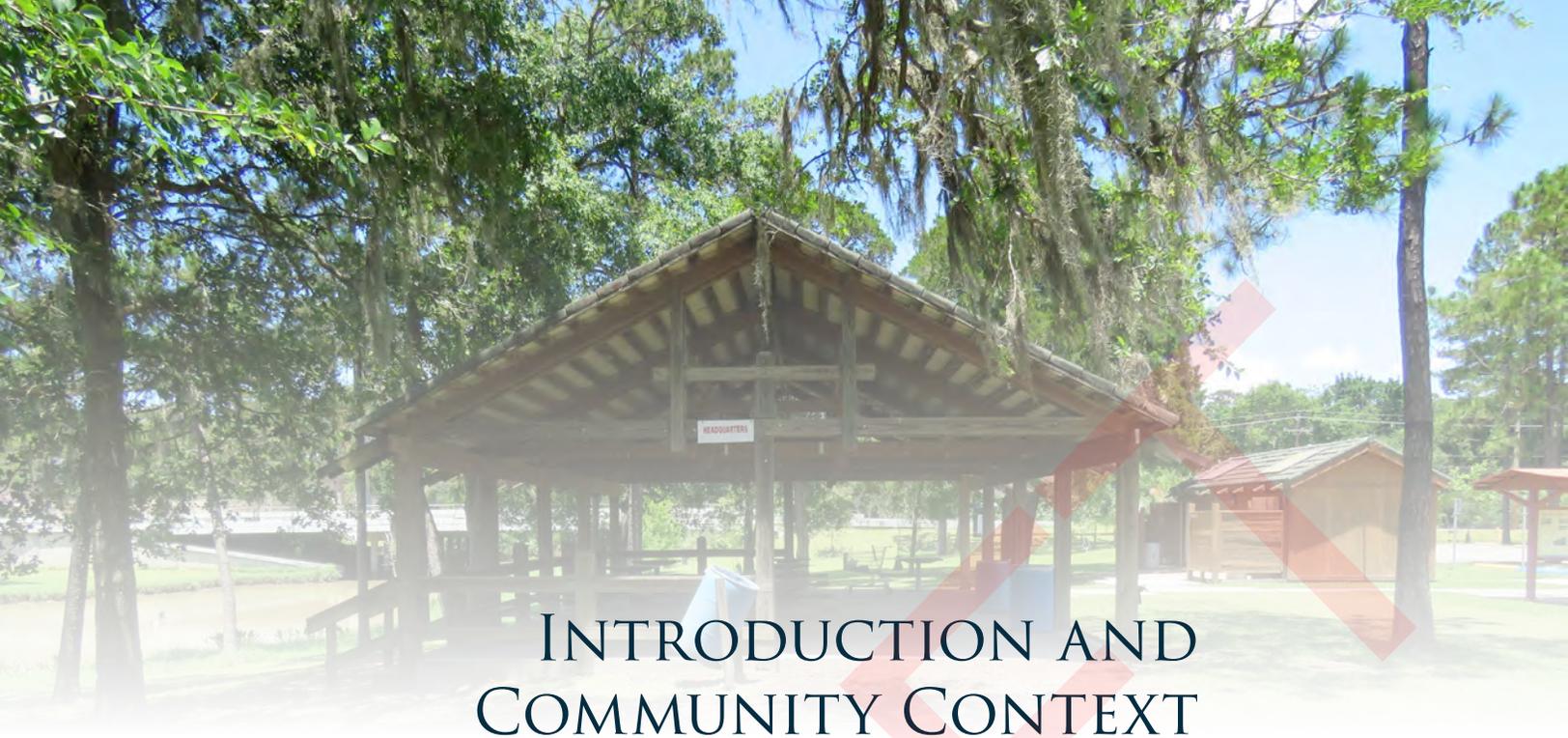
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Section 1

Existing Park System and Needs Assessment





INTRODUCTION AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT

The Galveston County 2017 Parks Master Plan Update is intended to evaluate and further the efforts of the 2011 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Conservation/Natural Resource Master Plan (2011 Master Plan). The primary focus of this plan will be to develop recommendations to guide the park system for the next five fiscal years.

The plan follows a similar planning process that was set forth as part of the previous planning effort. The two-phase approach identified in the previous plan was used as an organizational structure for this document. Those two phases divide the plan into two sections, the existing park system and needs assessment section; and the park system action plan section. This chapter is intended to orient the reader to the planning process and the characteristics of the plan area, Galveston County.

PURPOSE OF A PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

It is intended that this document will be actively used and referenced by County staff and elected officials. The content provides direction for the park system and assists in the decision-making process. Being an update, this plan strives to continue in achieving the goals developed for the 2011 Master Plan. A county-led park system has a slightly different role than that of a City's park system. The County role is to serve residents at the regional or community scale, with an emphasis on the unincorporated portions of the county. Regardless of the scale, this planning effort solicits public input as part of the planning effort.

The park system action plan identifies recommendation and implementation strategies for the park system. These resulting plan recommendations have a strong focus of providing opportunities for parks, recreation, and open space at the regional and community level. These recommendations will help in the development of capital plans and yearly budgets.



PLAN PROCESS

Phase 1 Step 1

Review Existing Inventory

Step 2

Seek Public Input

Step 3

Re-establish Goals & Objectives

Step 4

Analyze Needs & Deficiencies

Phase 2 Step 5

Provide Recommendations

Step 6

Develop Implementation Strategies

PLAN COMPONENTS

The 2017 Master Plan Update is organized to align with the steps of the planning process. In addition to this introductory chapter, the plan includes the following chapters:

- **Park System.** This chapter identifies the existing County parks and recreation system conditions and provides the framework for system organization.
- **Needs Assessment.** This chapter incorporates a series of assessment methods that are used to inform plan recommendations and implementation strategies.
- **Plan Recommendations.** This chapter provides guidance for the addition of new park facilities, improvements to existing parks, and partnership opportunities.
- **Implementation Program.** This chapter outlines funding strategies, parks administration/organization, capital improvements, plan implementation responsibilities, and plan administration roles.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Galveston County is a coastal county home to approximately 308,163 people who live in a variety of environments and contexts. The county seat is the City of Galveston, which is located in the far southern portion of the county on Galveston Island. The northern portion of the county is primarily developed as suburban residential communities, particularly Friendswood, League City, and Dickinson. These are the fastest growing areas due to their proximity to Houston and NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Galveston County is also home to Texas City, a significant economic center on Galveston Bay. Many small coastal communities occupy the coast of the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Bay, including Bayou Vista, Bolivar Peninsula, Clear Lake Shores, and Kemah, among other unincorporated towns. Still others, such as Santa Fe, Hitchcock, and other unincorporated areas of the eastern portion of the county provide more rural and agricultural settings.

Regional Context of Galveston County

Galveston County is located immediately south of the City of Houston and the economic center of the Houston-Galveston region. It is bordered by Brazoria County to the west, Harris County to the north, Galveston Bay and Chambers County (via Bolivar Peninsula) to the east, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south.

Regional connectivity to the County is primarily provided along Interstate Highway 45, which runs north/south into downtown Houston. Galveston County is also served by other state highways such as State Highway 146 and State Highway 3, which run north/south and toward the eastern side of the Houston area and State Highway 6, which runs northwest, providing access to western side of the Houston region.

A series of highways also run along the coast on Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula, including County Road 257, Farm to Market Road 3005, and State Highway 87. These roads provide access to other communities along the Gulf Coast.





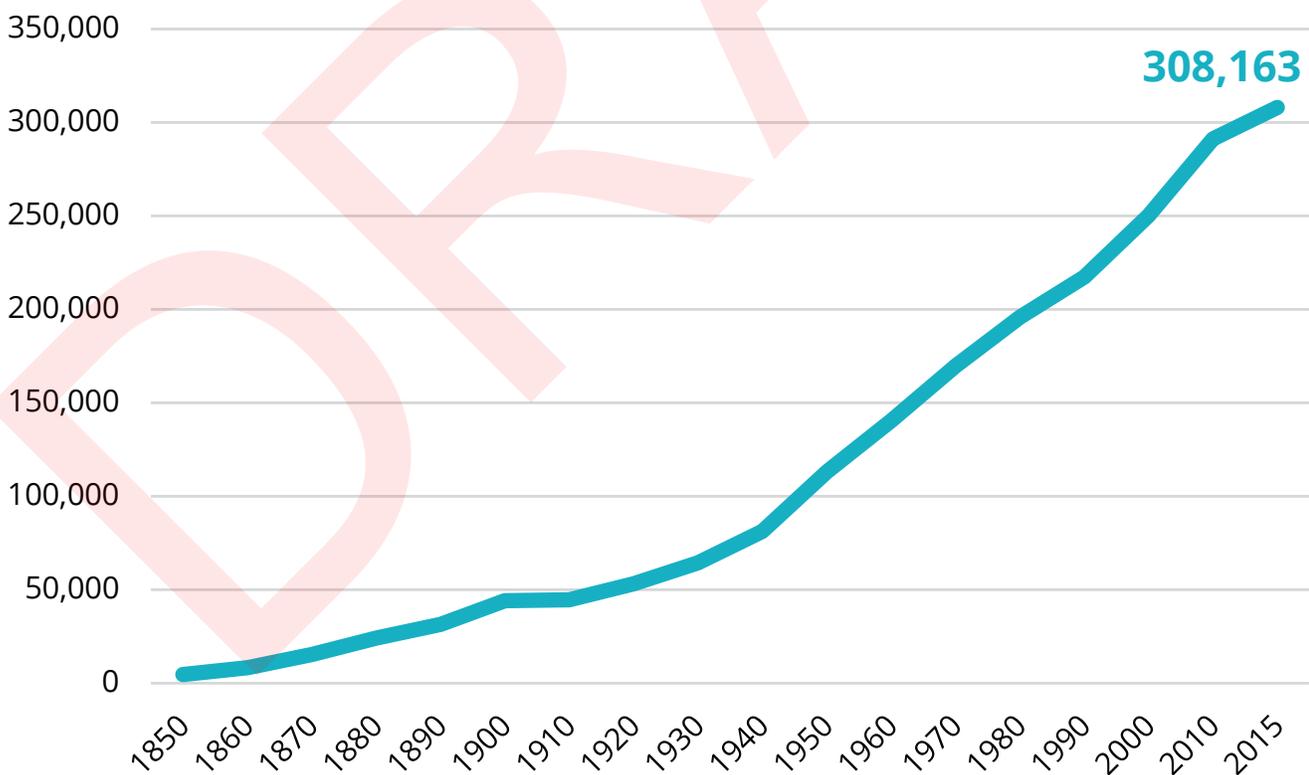
A Brief History of Galveston County

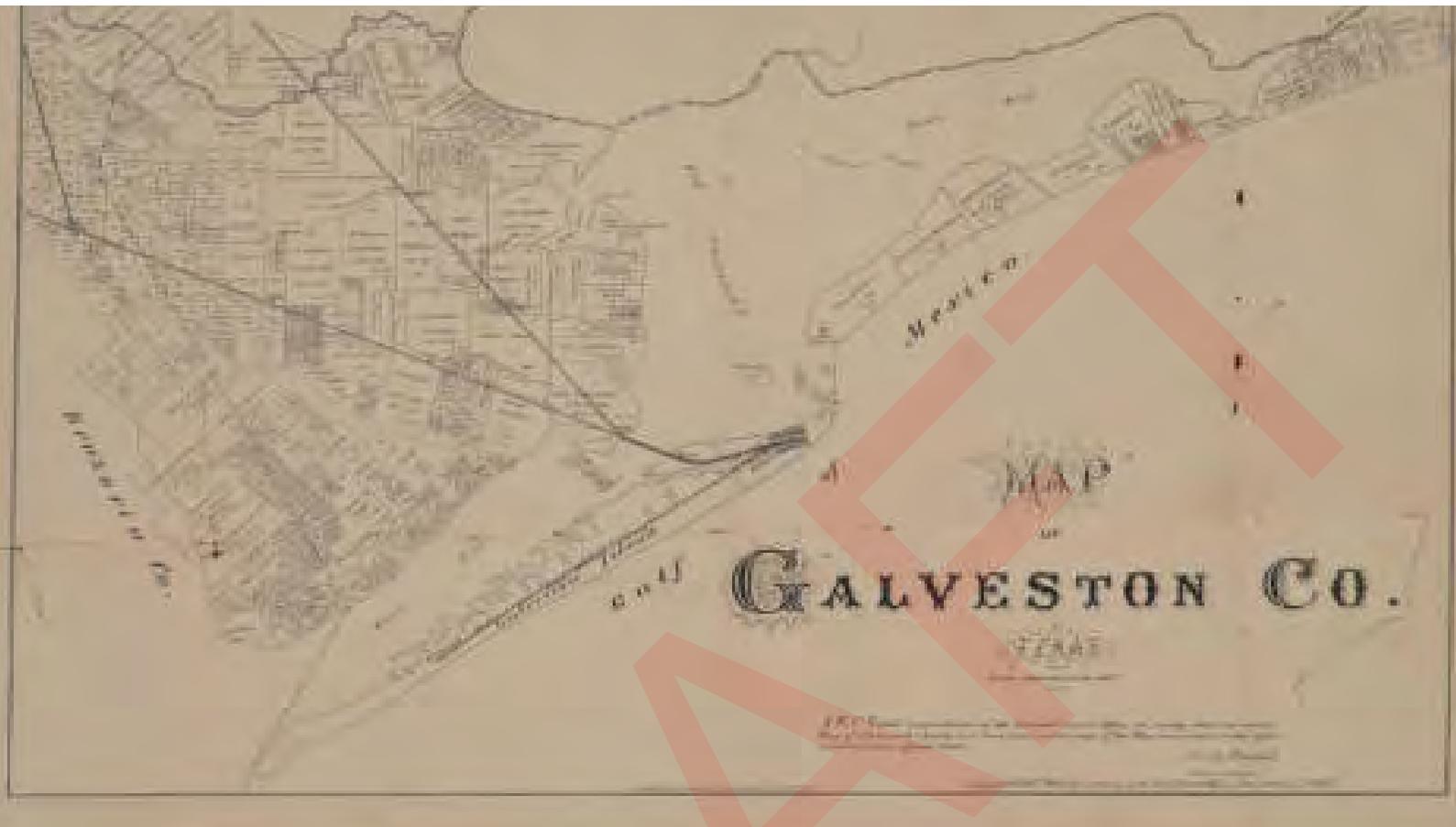
Galveston County has a long and tumultuous history of ups and downs both socially and economically. With a history that predates the formation of even the Republic of Texas, Galveston County has seen military activity, international relations, economic prosperity and decline, natural disasters, cultural diversity, and restoration, proving itself to be a strong and resilient community.

What started as an outpost for filibuster campaigns against Spanish rule over New Spain, Galveston became a center of culture and commerce as the Republic, and later, the State of Texas was established. Galveston County was officially formed in 1838 with the establishment of the state of Texas and through much of the latter half of the 19th century, was the largest city in Texas. The Port of Galveston brought both commerce and people into the city and surrounding area and as late as 1890, Galveston was the largest city in Texas.

However, the city and county's prosperity was almost wholly tied to the Port of Galveston. As transportation and technological advances enabled people to move more inland, Houston began to overshadow Galveston. At the turn of the century, commerce had moved toward Houston, the County of Galveston emerged as a recreational destination and the resort industry emerged.

FIGURE 1.2, HISTORIC GROWTH OF GALVESTON COUNTY, 1850 TO 2015





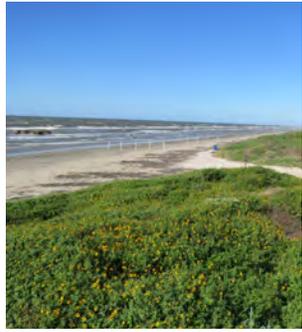
Galveston County, Texas, 1879, Historic Maps, Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries, accessed June 13, 2017, <http://digital.lib.uh.edu/collection/p15195coll35/item/34>.

With a foot both on the Texas coast and Houston's back door, Galveston County experienced both the early rise of prosperity and then decline in the City of Galveston as well as growth and prosperity of the northern areas of the county as the economic center of the region shifted from Galveston to Houston at the beginning of the 20th century. While some communities like Texas City prospered alongside Houston as a port city and with access to the bay, Galveston at the same time struggled to redefine itself into a tourist destination. Likewise, rural parts of the county also saw opportunities for farming and ranching as both populations grew in the northern portions of the county near Houston and emerging resorts demanded food and drink for visitors to the region.

This same contrasting dynamic can be seen today across the county as one moves from the northern suburbanized areas of the county that is more closely tied to the industrial economy of Houston to the quiet rural communities across the coastal plains to the culturally and historically rich destination of Galveston Island. These very diverse environments are challenging but afford the opportunity to provide an equally diverse parks, open space, and recreation system across the county that respect and celebrate the various characteristics that make up Galveston County.



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Unique Environmental Characteristics and Features

Galveston County is approximately 874 square miles, of which 378 square miles are land and 496 square miles are water.¹ The County is located on the coast and is comprised of a range of unique environments, including coastal plains that make up the mainland, Galveston Island, Bolivar Peninsula, and a portion of Galveston Bay, which actually accounts for more than half of the County's total area. Being located on the coast, Galveston County is in large part a coastal wetland and the environment is extremely sensitive to developing areas. Of its land area, approximately 123 square miles (33 percent) is considered coastal wetland.² The coastline consists of coastal inlets such as bayous, marshes, and bays around which communities have grown. As the county continues to grow and develop, the coastal wetlands are increasingly threatened. As such, organizations have emerged over the past several decades seeking to protect and restore these wetlands.

Galveston County also includes Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. These "barrier islands" serve as natural storm barriers to Galveston Bay. Galveston Island is 28 miles long and 3 miles wide at its greatest breadth. Bolivar Peninsula is essentially a continuation of Galveston Island, extending northeast of the island for 27 miles and is 3 miles wide at its widest point. Bolivar Peninsula is accessible by land through Chambers County, but is also accessed from Galveston Island by ferryboat. Galveston Harbor, the entrance to Galveston Bay, is about 1.5 miles wide between these two islands and is heavily used by both recreational and commercial ships. Four miles off the coast of Galveston Island in Galveston Bay is Pelican Island, which was described in 1815 as a "narrow strip of marsh" and has since grew from shell deposits into an island four miles long and a half mile wide.³

¹ Texas Association of Counties, The County Information Program, "Galveston Island Profile," accessed June 11, 2017, <http://www.txcip.org/tac/census/profile.php?FIPS=48167>

² Houston-Galveston Area Council, Our Great Region 2040, "County Profile Galveston County," accessed June 11, 2017, <http://www.ourregion.org/Profiles/County%20Profile%20Galveston.pdf>

³ Handbook of Texas Online, Diana J. Kleiner, "Galveston County," accessed June 11, 2017, <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hcg02>.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Wetlands have a number of benefits, including flood protection, habitats for wildlife, improve water quality and reducing pollution, in addition to contributing to the quality of life along the coast. However, development and urbanization of the Gulf Coast and Galveston County has, in various ways, resulted in the disappearance of wetlands and other environmental features along the Texas coast. As they have disappeared, we have become more aware of their benefits and the need for these wetlands. Several entities and organizations have increased efforts over the past few decades to reverse this trend, including Galveston Bay Foundation, Galveston Bay Estuary Program, Texas Coastal Wetlands Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife, among many others. These organizations seek to protect and restore the wetlands and Texas coast and provide open space and recreation opportunities in Galveston County.



Dominant Industries

Galveston's economic base is primarily built on education; tourism and hospitality; maritime business; healthcare; and support services for off-shore oil and gas. The top employment sectors in Galveston County include Accommodations and Food Services, Retail Trade, Healthcare and Social Assistance; these three sectors provide just under half of the jobs in Galveston County.

Comparing local employment to national average employment, other employment sectors emerge as unique to the county. While some of these industries may not have high employment counts, their higher-than-average concentration of employment in Galveston County make them unique to the county. These include: Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction; Accommodation and Food Services; Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation; Construction; Retail Trade; and Finance and Insurance.

The following are key observations about the local employment base and industry in Galveston County:

- The City of Galveston and many communities along the Galveston Bay thrive as tourist destinations, offering leisure and recreation opportunities to local, regional, and even national visitors to the area.
- Home to University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston as well as Texas A&M Galveston, healthcare and higher education has historically and still is a major employment industry in Galveston County.
- Two sea ports are located in Galveston County, Port of Galveston and Port of Texas City, that handle a variety of industry commodities. The Port of Galveston is also a cruise port, supporting the tourism industry and continuing to stimulate economic prosperity and growth.
- Several programs through Texas A&M Galveston, Galveston College, and Sea Star Base Galveston offers maritime education and marine training programs focused on marine environments and industries, further supporting the maritime economy.
- Texas City is home to major petrochemical companies including Marathon Petroleum and Valero, other oil and gas support services, and other industrial manufacturing and equipment suppliers.



HISTORIC POPULATION GROWTH

As indicated in Figure 1.3, Historical Population Growth, Galveston County has experienced steady levels of population growth during the 20th century. In the middle of the 20th century, Galveston County enjoyed growth rates over 20 percent over a decade, but since 1980, growth rates have lowered to below 20 percent.

Despite growing steadily, the county has accounted for a lower share of the total population in the region. The Houston-Galveston region continues to grow at a higher rate, indicating other communities in the Houston region have continued to grow at a faster pace than those of Galveston County.

One possible explanation for the slower growth rate for Galveston County is the environmental sensitivity of the Texas coast and associated wetlands. Still, Galveston County can expect to continue to grow as the region continues to prosper. In particular, the suburbs in the northern portion of the county that are more proximate to Houston are expected to continue to grow.

FIGURE 1.3, HISTORICAL POPULATION GROWTH

Year	Galveston County Population	Percent Change	H - G A C Region Population	Percent Change	County Share of Region Population
1910	44,479	-	234,376	-	19%
1920	53,150	19%	329,787	41%	16%
1930	64,410	21%	526,690	60%	12%
1940	81,173	26%	735,553	40%	11%
1950	113,066	39%	1,068,437	45%	11%
1960	140,364	24%	1,581,137	48%	9%
1970	169,812	21%	2,181,315	38%	8%
1980	195,940	15%	3,119,828	43%	6%
1990	217,399	11%	3,731,131	20%	6%
2000	250,158	15%	4,669,571	25%	5%
2010	292,529	17%	5,919,796	27%	5%
2016	329,431	13%	6,742,712	14%	5%

Source: Texas Almanac: Population History of Counties from 1850–2010
U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016, 2016 Population Estimates



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION & HOUSEHOLDS

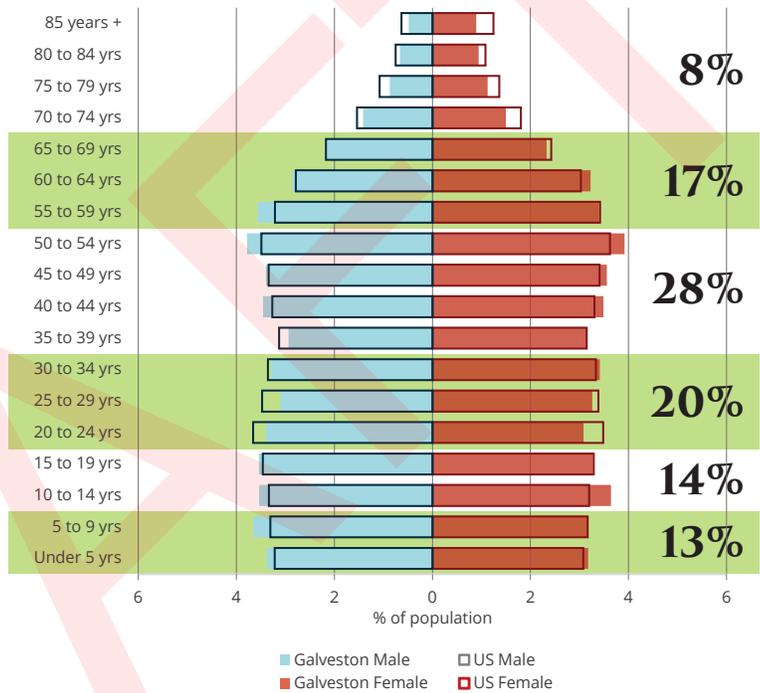
Analyzing the demographics, or certain characteristics of the population and household composition, can provide more insight into the needs of those living in Galveston County.

Age Distribution

The age distribution of the population in Galveston County is very similar to the trends of the United States. The average age of the population of Galveston County is 37.5 years, compared to 37.6 for the U.S., but is higher than the state average of 34.1 years. The largest discrepancy between Galveston County and national trends is for the population aged over 70 years. Nationally, this population accounts for 9.5 percent of the population, but in Galveston County this age group only accounts for 7.9 percent.

Figure 1.4, Age Distribution shows the distribution of the population by age group. Understanding this trend will inform recreational programming in Galveston County. Thirteen percent of the population is very young children (under 10) and an additional 14 percent are aged between 10 and 19. Additionally, an estimated 35 percent of the households in Galveston County have one or more people under the age of 18 years.

FIGURE 1.4 AGE DISTRIBUTION

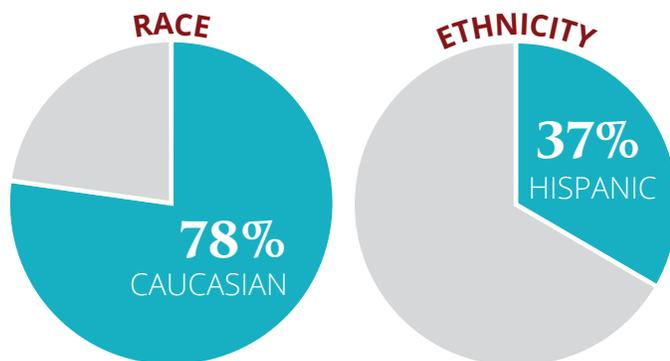


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001: Sex by Age

Race and Ethnicity

The population in Galveston County is nearly 78 percent Caucasian, followed by the African American population, which accounts for 13 percent of the total. Approximately 37 percent of the population is Hispanic or Latino descent. (see Figure 1.5)

FIGURE 1.5, RACE AND ETHNICITY



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B03001: Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race

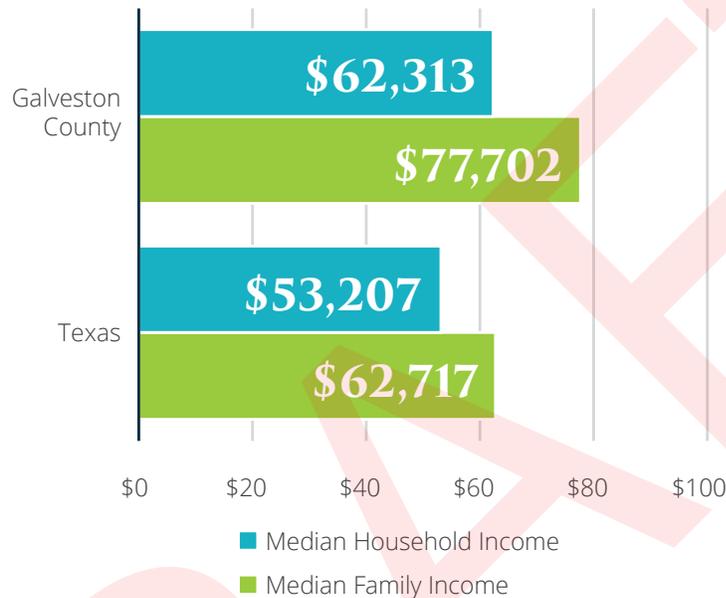




Household Income & Poverty Levels

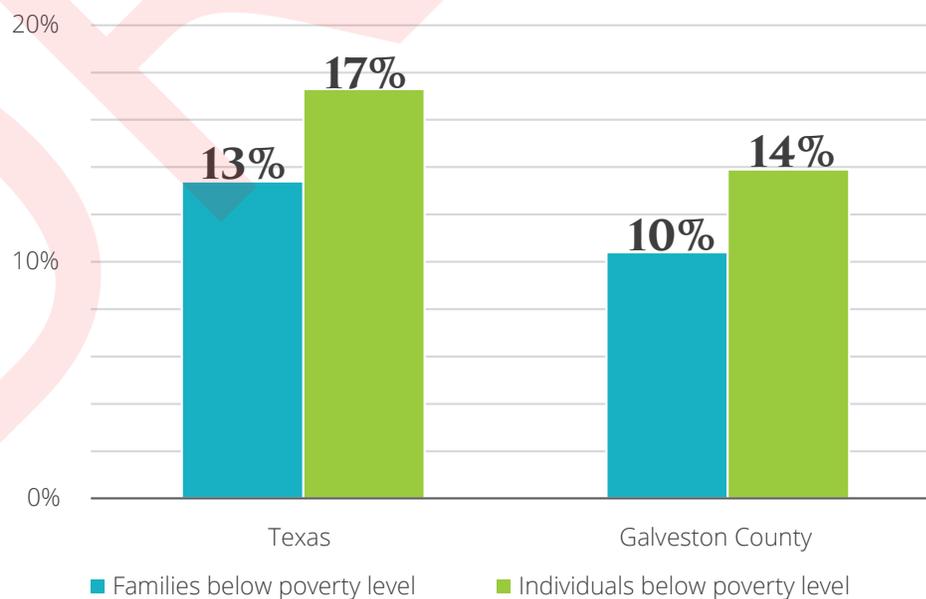
Galveston County can generally be seen as wealthier when compared to the State of Texas. Median family and household income in Galveston County is higher than that of Texas. Still, 10 percent of households and 14 percent of individuals in Galveston County are below the poverty level. (see Figures 1.6 & 1.7)

FIGURE 1.6, MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY INCOME



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics

FIGURE 1.7, FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Even though this is a plan update, it is still important to get public input as a means to guide the decision making process. The plan relied on three types of public input methods. Those were:

- **Stakeholder and Public Official Interviews.** To kickoff the planning process, interviews with elected officials and parks staff were conducted to get a better understanding of the issues and opportunities facing the County park system.
- **Public Open House.** Two public open houses were hosted to gather input from the community. They were hosted June 26th at the Banquet Hall in Walter Hall Park and June 27th at the Wayne Johnson Center in Carbide Park. Attendees were able to comment about specific issues that affected them and what type of park improvements they would like to see. Attendees were able to comment on whether the previous plan goals were still applicable.
- **Public Survey.** The public survey was a brief set of questions that was used to evaluate the County's importance and performance in providing recreational opportunities. The survey had 337 respondents during the solicitation window between June 26th to July 5th of 2017.

2011 MASTER PLAN

The 2011 master planning effort developed a series of goals, strategies, and projects to be undertaken through the year 2022. These goals, strategies, and projects were reviewed to determine the continued applicability and which projects have been accomplished. Citizens commented on the applicability of the goals from the 2011 master plan, and the goals are listed in order below based on community support

- Provide park and recreation facilities and opportunities using available resources and participation from as many public private partners as possible to avoid duplication of expenditures and resources.
- Acquire, protect and preserve open space and natural resource areas within Galveston County for the benefit of current and future generations.
- Develop new facilities which meet identified needs of residents to recognized state or national quality standards.
- Provide a geographic distribution of quality parks and recreation opportunities, throughout the County, to fairly serve residents of all ages and socioeconomic status.

While the first two goals listed received the biggest level of support from constituents responses the application of all these goals will promote a strong park system. This plan will move forward with these goals as guidance.



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Accomplishments and Park Improvements

The following are projects and/or actions identified in the 2011 Master Plan that have been accomplished or have begun the process of implementation.

- **64 Acre Park.** Currently under construction. The park is to include playgrounds, multipurpose fields, community center, and park service center.
- **Fort Travis.** Playground constructed.
- **Lee & Joe Jamail Bay Park.** Boat ramp and boardwalk reconstructed, with City of Galveston taking over the operation of the park facilities.
- **Rollover Pass.** Currently working on more detailed plans.
- **Jack Brooks Park.** Veterans Memorial Flagpole installed, and 2 new playground systems and 1 new playscape installed. New park roads and surfacing for the runway at Kitty Hawk added. 36 disc golf baskets added.
- **Walter Hall.** Renovations to the Banquet Hall facility. Tennis court resurfaced.

OTHER PLANNING EFFORTS

This section of the chapter provides a brief review of park planning efforts or the communities and organizations located in Galveston County. This review will help generate insight into the types of parks and recreation initiatives that are being undertaken throughout the region.

City of Galveston

This City of Galveston's 2010 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan currently guides the City's park system. The plan called for the coordination with the County on the long-term future of the Washington Ave./61st St. boat ramp (now called Lee & Joe Jamail Bay Park), which has since seen reconstruction. The plan also calls for the development of a tournament-ready Little League sports complex.

Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees

The Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees was created by the Texas Legislature in 1962, through a special act, with the purpose of directing all tourism efforts for Galveston. As part of their function, they are tasked with overseeing a number of the Island's public beach parks.

Some of the Park Board's current and planned projects include: 2016-17 Phase III Beach Nourishment, East Beach and Stewart Beach Master Plan, East End Lagoon & Preserve, and Seawolf Park Master Plan. These projects span the range in providing nature based and general leisure recreation opportunities.

City of League City

League City, which is the largest municipality in located within Galveston County, has both a Parks and Opens Space Master Plan and a Trails Master Plan. Currently the League City park system has a number of undeveloped tracts of land under

its jurisdiction. The trails master plan calls for the development of a trails along Clear Creek which would run through Walter Hall Park.

City of Dickinson

The City of Dickinson does not currently have any parks that are under their municipal control. The City’s comprehensive plan calls for the evaluation and possible acquisition of the both Paul Hopkins and Ray Holbrook Park from the County. The action would likely need to correspond with another recommendation from the comprehensive plan, that calls for the City to establish Parks and Recreation services within the community.

City of Friendswood

The City of Friendswood parks master plan calls for the development of a variety of facilities including trails, fishing/boating areas, sports fields, and neighborhood parks. The plan specifically calls for Friendswood to be “ a hub for regional sports tournaments.”

City of Texas City

Texas City developed the Texas City Liveable Center Plan that identified recommendations which focused on issues related to leisure and recreation. The plan recommended to expand the existing trail and bikeway network to connect neighborhoods to activity centers, parks, and other destinations. One specific recommended action is to develop a destination trail along the bay, building on the existing network and potentially contributing to a regional system.



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PARK SYSTEM

Park systems are made up of different classifications of parks and recreational offerings, below is a list of these classifications. Galveston County's park system includes many of these park classifications, but Community Parks and Regional Parks best fit the role of a county-wide park system.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

Mini Parks

These are small spaces and typically contain playgrounds geared toward toddlers and young children. These parks are most often accessed by foot, and parking is not provided. These facilities are most common in apartment complexes and residential subdivisions, the provision and operation of these parks may be best left to private development.

Neighborhood Parks

These parks contain park facilities like playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic areas, walking trails, and on occasion a sports field or two. Neighborhood parks are expected to be within easy walking or bicycling distance to the neighborhoods, subdivisions, or developments they serve. They are the most prevalent type of municipal park and should not be located on busy thoroughfares. A county park system can provide this type of park, but that application should be limited to residential neighborhoods in unincorporated portion of the county. They are not intended to be a community-wide destination which would generate unwanted traffic to the neighborhood they inhabit. Street parking should meet most of the parking needs and local resident surveillance is the most common way to promote park safety.



Port Bolivar Community Park, despite its name serves as a neighborhood park for the surrounding residences of Port Bolivar.

Community Parks

Community parks offer many of the same features of a neighborhood park just on a larger scale, as they are intended to serve a group of neighborhoods or portion of a community. They are usually accessed by motor vehicle, but they may also be accessed by nearby residents by walking or biking. A variety of recreational facilities are provided within community parks including multiple sports fields (often lighted), connections to hike/bike trails, large playgrounds, etc. These parks require sufficient parking to accommodate participants, spectators, and other park users.

Regional Parks

Regional parks are large park facilities that are intended to serve the entire county, and generally, draw from surrounding areas. These parks may contain urban elements as well as natural areas. They may host festivals, large sport complexes for tournaments, entertainment venues, and multiple special use parks/facilities. When these parks are primarily located within a natural area, they provide opportunities for boating, fishing, camping, hiking/biking trails, wildlife viewing, shooting sports, and archery. There may be a series of internal roads and parking lots required to meet access demands. Regional parks are very large parks which are intended to serve several communities or a region. Typically these types of parks are under the jurisdiction of the county, state, or federal government.



The Master Garden Demonstration Gardener in Carbide Park is an example of a special use facility that is found within a park that is classified as a regional park.

Civic Spaces

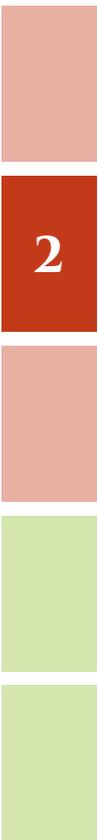
Size is not the key factor of the typical civic space, but rather the quality of the landscaping and other design features which are more urban in character. Benches, fountains, formal landscaping, and other focal features are common items found in these civic spaces. These spaces are characterized by the frequencies of activity in the space and their propensity to host community gatherings. These spaces may take the form of squares, plazas, or greens.

Special Use Park/Facility

A special use park is typically a space or facility that is developed to satisfy a specific intent or use. These parks may charge entrance fees and be structured with revenue-generating mechanisms, requiring staff to specifically oversee their operations. Examples include, community centers, beaches/beach access, boat ramps, stadiums, etc. Special use parks or facilities may be located in conjunction with a community park or a metropolitan park, and in some instances, a neighborhood park.

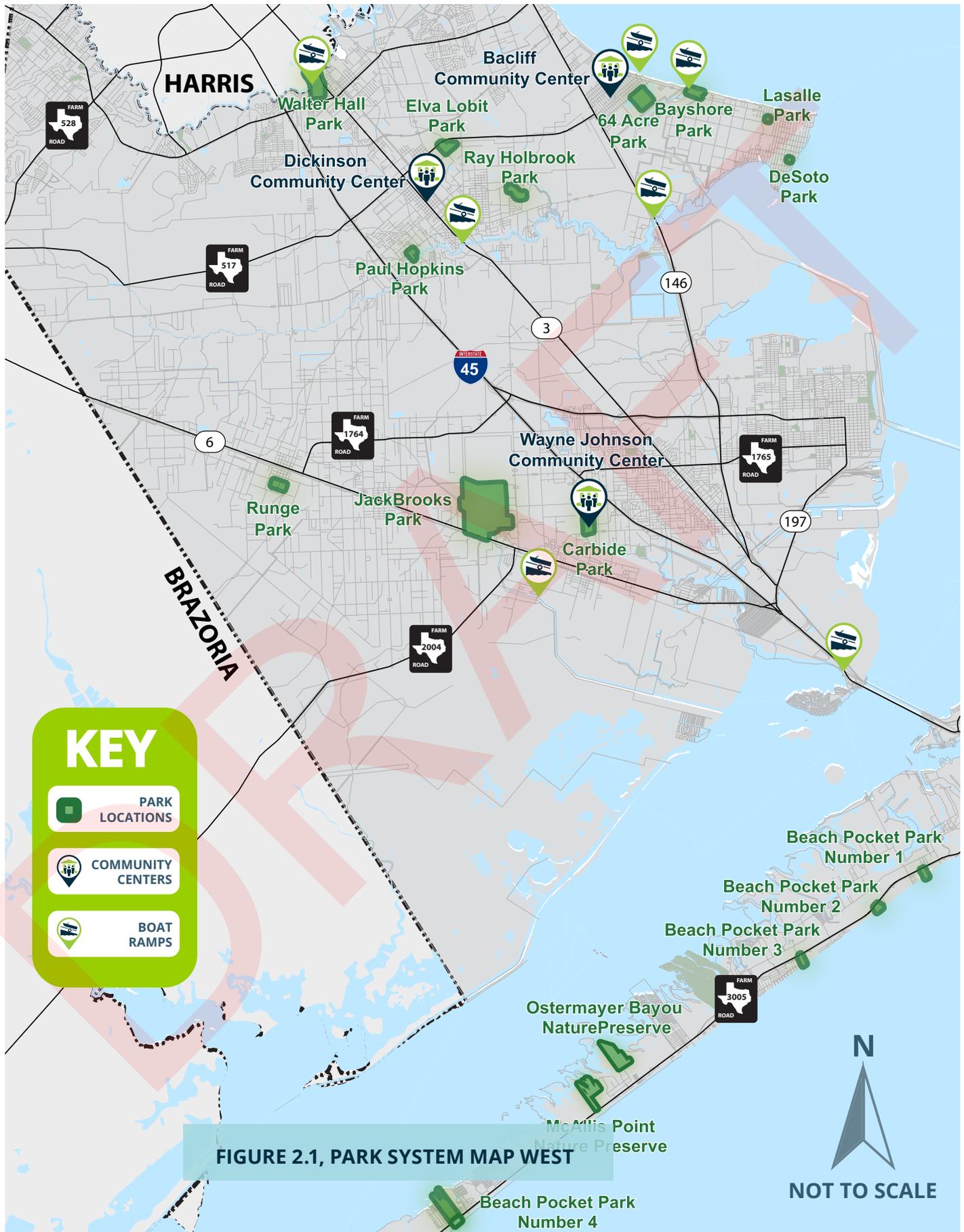
Linear Parks and Greenways

Linear parks and greenways are park land that connects larger tracts of open space together. This park land type is intended to promote swaths of green space throughout a community. It is appropriate that this type of park land is home to trails as it provides long stretches of uninterrupted travel.





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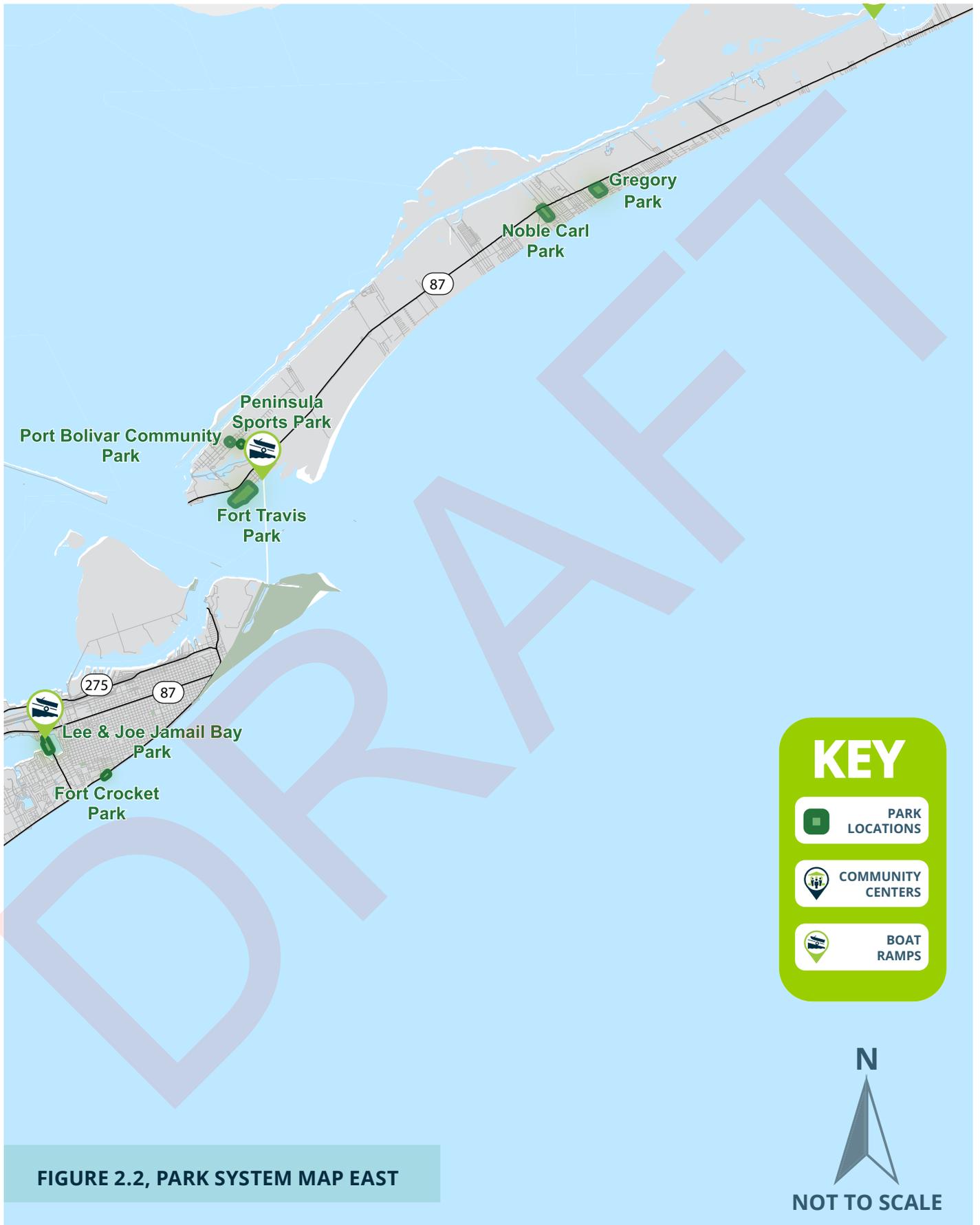


FIGURE 2.2, PARK SYSTEM MAP EAST





BAYSHORE PARK

5437 East FM 646, Bacliff, TX

Acreeage: 24.0 acres

Historic Site, Festival Grounds

FIGURE 2.3 BAYSHORE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Baseball Field	1
Multi-use Fields with Backstops	4
Boat Ramp with Pier	2
Interpretative Walking Trail with Benches	7 Benches
Playground	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	3
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Restroom Building	1



**Park Classification:
Regional Park**

BEACH POCKET PARK #1

FM 3005 at 7 1/2 Mile Road, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 7 acres

FIGURE 2.4 BEACH POCKET PARK #1 INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Off Beach Parking	N/A
Porta-toilet	2



**Park Classification:
Special Use Park**



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BEACH POCKET PARK #2

11102 FM 3005 @ 9 Mile Road, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 10 acres

FIGURE 2.5 BEACH POCKET PARK #2 INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Rental Facilities	1
Historic Site	1
Concessions	1
Restroom Facilities with Showers	1



**Park Classification:
Special Use Park**

BEACH POCKET PARK #3

FM 3005 at 11 Mile Road, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 10 acres

FIGURE 2.6 BEACH POCKET PARK #3 INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Beach Access Point	1
Parking Lot	1



**Park Classification:
Special Use Park**

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BEACH POCKET PARK #4 NATURE PRESERVE

FM 3005 at 19 Mile Road, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 71 acres

FIGURE 2.7 BEACH POCKET PARK #4 INVENTORY

Available Amenities

Quantity

UNDEVELOPED



Park Classification:
Special Use Park

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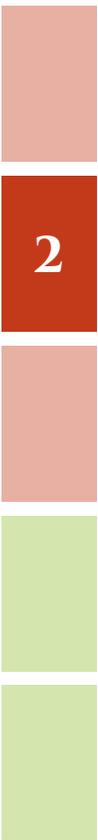
CARBIDE PARK

4102 Main Street, La Marque, TX

Acreage: 70 acres

FIGURE 2.8 CARBIDE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Basketball Court	1
Lighted Tennis Courts	2
Multi-Use Field	1
Football Field	1
Playground	1
Covered Senior Playground	1
Master Gardener Demonstration Garden	1
Therapeutic Garden	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	2
BBQ Pavilion/Picnic Pavilion	1
Community Center	1
AgriLife Extension Building	1
Pioneer House/Rental Facility	1
Parks Service Center	1
Restroom Building	1
Walking Trail	1
Porta-toilet	3



**Park Classification:
Regional Park**

NOT TO SCALE



DESOTO PARK

Avenue J at 6th Street, San Leon, TX

Acreage: 1.8 acres

FIGURE 2.9 DESOTO PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Practice Backstops	2



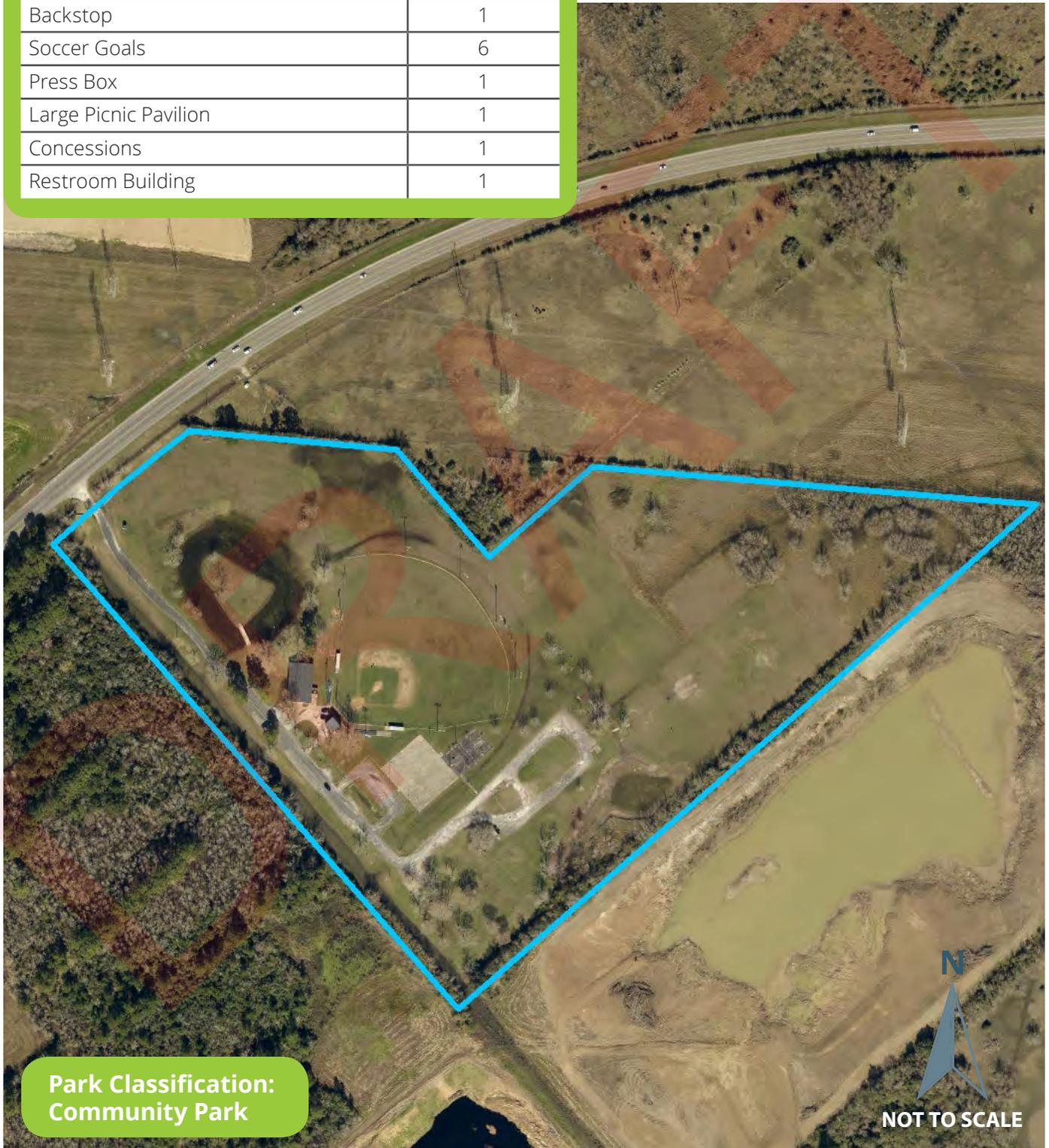
ELVA LOBIT PARK

1901 East FM 646, League City, TX

Acreeage: 28 acres

FIGURE 2.10 ELVA LOBIT PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Baseball Field	1
Open Basketball Court	1
Football/ Soccer Fields	3
Backstop	1
Soccer Goals	6
Press Box	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Concessions	1
Restroom Building	1



**Park Classification:
Community Park**

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NOT TO SCALE



FORT CROCKETT SEAWALL PARK

Galveston Seawall
between 45th St. and 53rd St., Galveston, TX

Acreage: 2 acres
Historic Site

FIGURE 2.11 FORT CROCKETT PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Historic Site	1
Picnic Areas	7



Park Classification:
Special Use Park



NOT TO SCALE

FORT TRAVIS SEASHORE PARK

900 SH 87, Port Bolivar, TX

Acreage: 70 acres
Historic Site/Military Bunkers

FIGURE 2.12 FORT TRAVIS PARK INVENTORY	
Available Amenities	Quantity
Walking Trail	1
Playground	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	7
Wetland Overlooks	3
Festival Grounds	1
Parks Service Center	1
Restrooms with Showers	1
Day Cabana	3



Park Classification:
Regional Park

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 NOT TO SCALE



GREGORY PARK

900 Barbados, Crystal Beach, TX

Acreage: 15 acres

FIGURE 2.13 GREGORY PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Covered Basketball Court	1
Lighted Baseball Field (<i>coming soon</i>)	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Festival Grounds	1
Porta-toilet	1



Park Classification:
Community Park

NOT TO SCALE

JACK BROOKS PARK

5700 FM 2004, Hitchcock, TX

Acreage: 678 acres



Park Classification:
Regional Park

NOT TO SCALE



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JACK BROOKS PARK

5700 FM 2004, Hitchcock, TX

Acreage: 678 acres



There are a variety of trail types at Jack Brooks Park made for distinct user groups, such as mountain biking, hiking, and horse riding.

FIGURE 2.14 JACK BROOKS PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Archery Range	1
Lighted Baseball Complex w/ Concessions	3
Basketball Court	1
Model Airplane Field	1
Disc Golf Course	2
Grass Volleyball Court	1
Practice Backstops	4
Football/Soccer Fields	4
Lighted Tennis Courts	2
Canoe/Kayak Launch	1
Playground	3
Bicycle Trail	1
Equestrian Trail	1
Interpretative Trail	1
Historic Site - Camp Wallace	1
Fairgrounds, with Rodeo Arenas	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	3
Small Covered Picnic Areas	1
Restroom Buildings	4
Veteran's Memorial Walk of Honor	1



Jack Brooks Park is the largest park in the Galveston County park system, accommodating three separate playground areas.

LA SALLE PARK

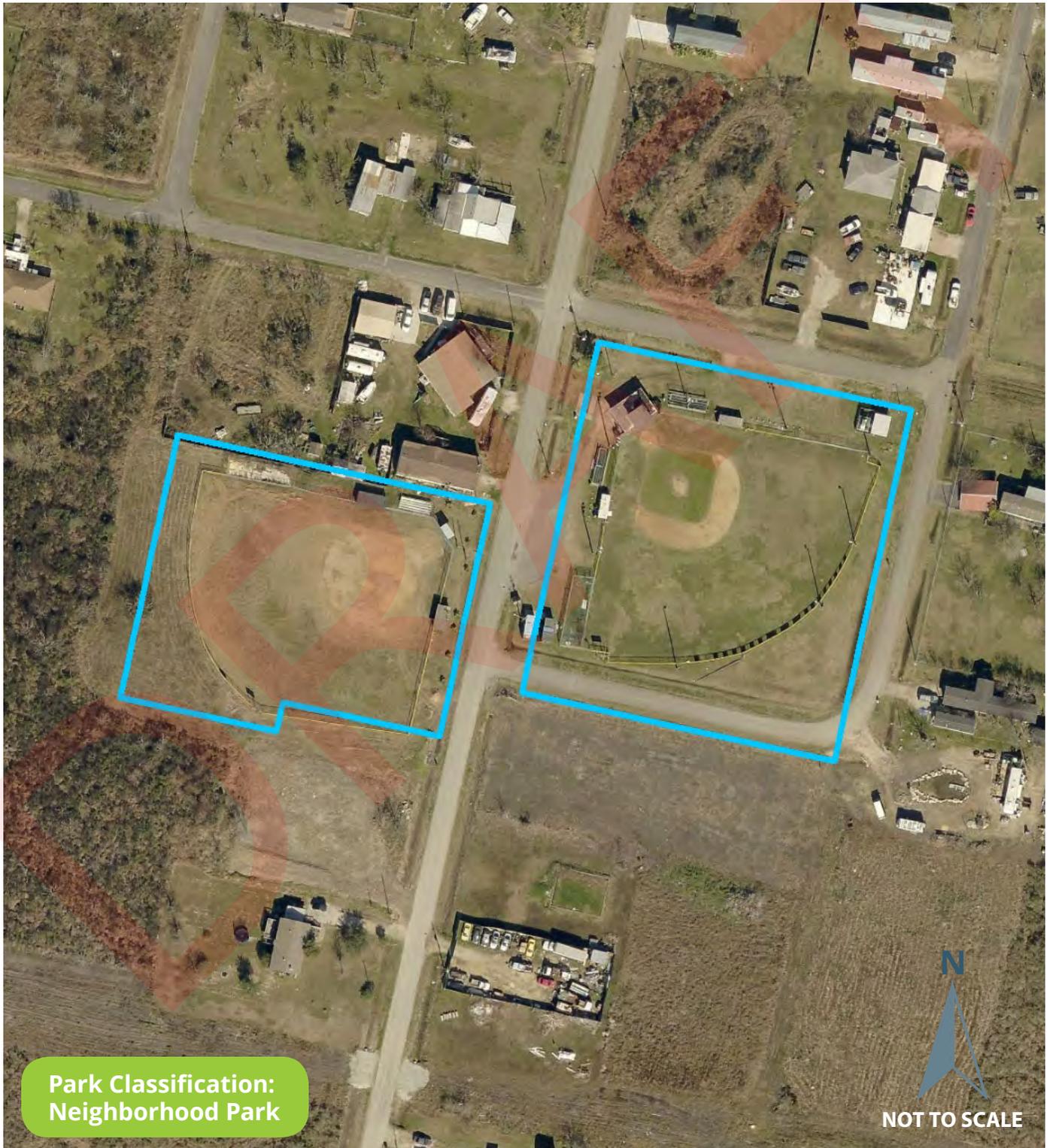
18th Street at Avenue C, San Leon, TX

Acreeage: 2.2 acres

(Operated by Bayshore Youth Sports Association)

FIGURE 2.15 LA SALLE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Baseball Fields	2
Restroom Building with Concessions	1



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**Park Classification:
Neighborhood Park**

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LEE & JOE JAMAIL BAY PARK

61st Street at Offats Bayou, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 1 acres

(Operated by City of Galveston)

FIGURE 2.16 LEE & JOE JAMAIL PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Boat Ramp with Pier	1
Boardwalk	1
Covered Picnic Pavilions	3
Pedestrian Bridge	1
Portable Restroom Facility with A/C	1



**Park Classification:
Special Use Park**



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MCALLIS POINT NATURE PRESERVE

W. Galveston Island, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 80+ acres

FIGURE 2.17 MCALLIS POINT PRESERVE INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
UNDEVELOPED	



Park Classification:
Special Use Park

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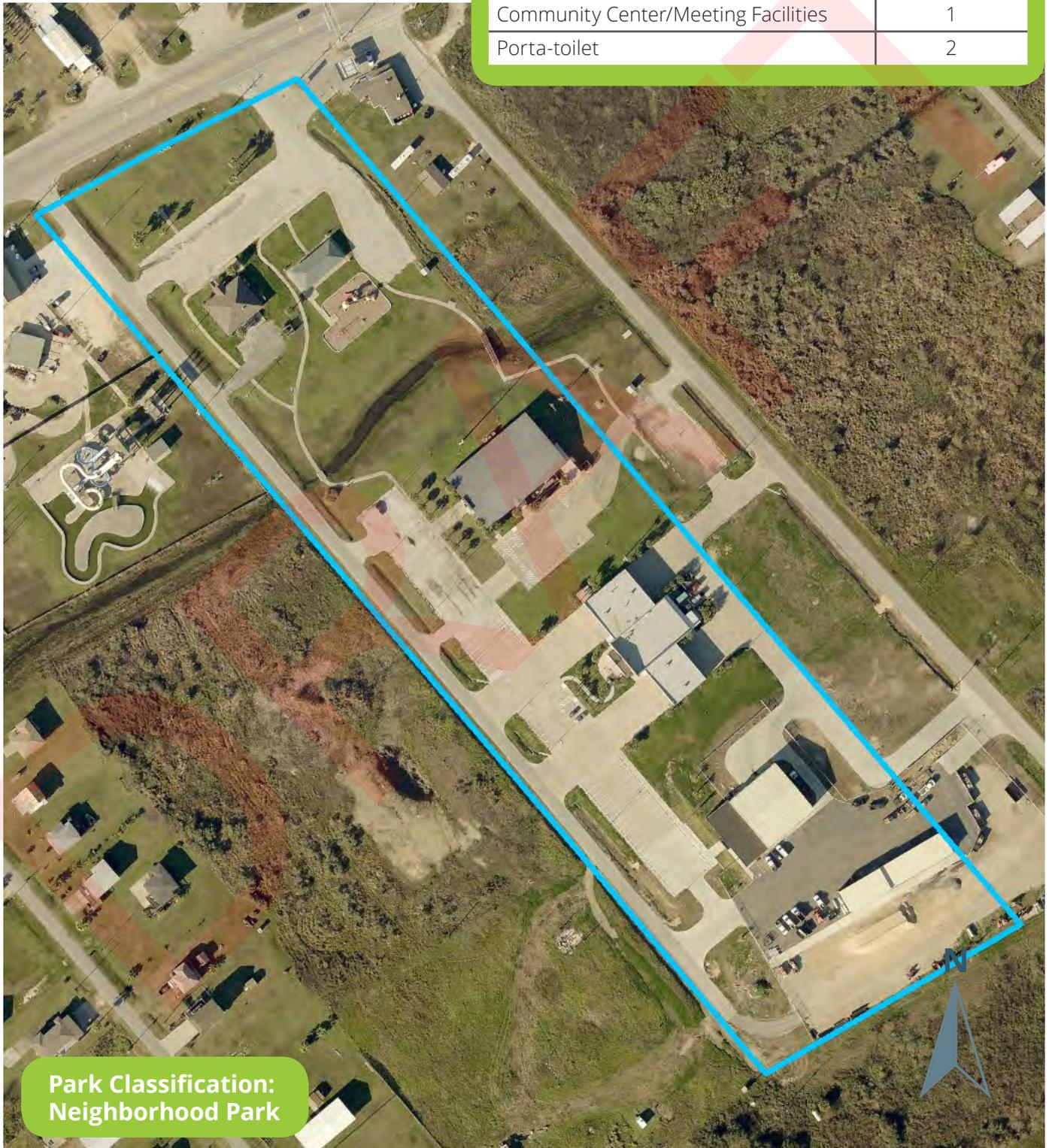
NOBLE CARL PARK

1760 SH 87, Crystal Beach, TX

Acreage: 11 acres

FIGURE 2.18 NOBLE CARL PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Walking Trail	1
Playground	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Community Center/Meeting Facilities	1
Porta-toilet	2



Park Classification:
Neighborhood Park

FIGURE 2.19 OSTERMAYER PRESERVE INVENTORY

Available Amenities

UNDEVELOPED

OSTERMAYER BAYOU NATURE PRESERVE

FM 3005 at Indian Beach Rd. -
West Galveston Island, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 84+ acres





PAUL HOPKINS PARK

1000 A FM 517, Dickinson, TX

Acreage: 11 acres

Park Classification:
Community Park



FIGURE 2.20 PAUL HOPKINS PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Interpretative Trail	1
Playground	1
Boardwalk with Overlook	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	4
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Restroom Building	1
Festival Grounds	1
Pedestrian Bridge	1

PENINSULA SPORTS PARK

1210 9th Street, Port Bolivar, TX

Acreage: 2 acres

(Operated by Peninsula Sports Park, LLC)

FIGURE 2.21 PENINSULA SPORTS PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Baseball Fields with Bleachers	1





PORT BOLIVAR COMMUNITY PARK

18th Street at Madison, Port Bolivar, TX

Acreage: 2.2 acres

FIGURE 2.22 PORT BOLIVAR PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Basketball Court	1
Practice Backstop	1
Picnic Areas	3



Park Classification:
Neighborhood Park



NOT TO SCALE

RAY HOLBROOK PARK

3600 Owens Drive, Dickinson, TX

Acreage: 33 acres

FIGURE 2.23 RAY HOLBROOK PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Softball Fields (unlit)	4
Restroom/Concession	1
Picnic Areas	7



**Park Classification:
Community Park**

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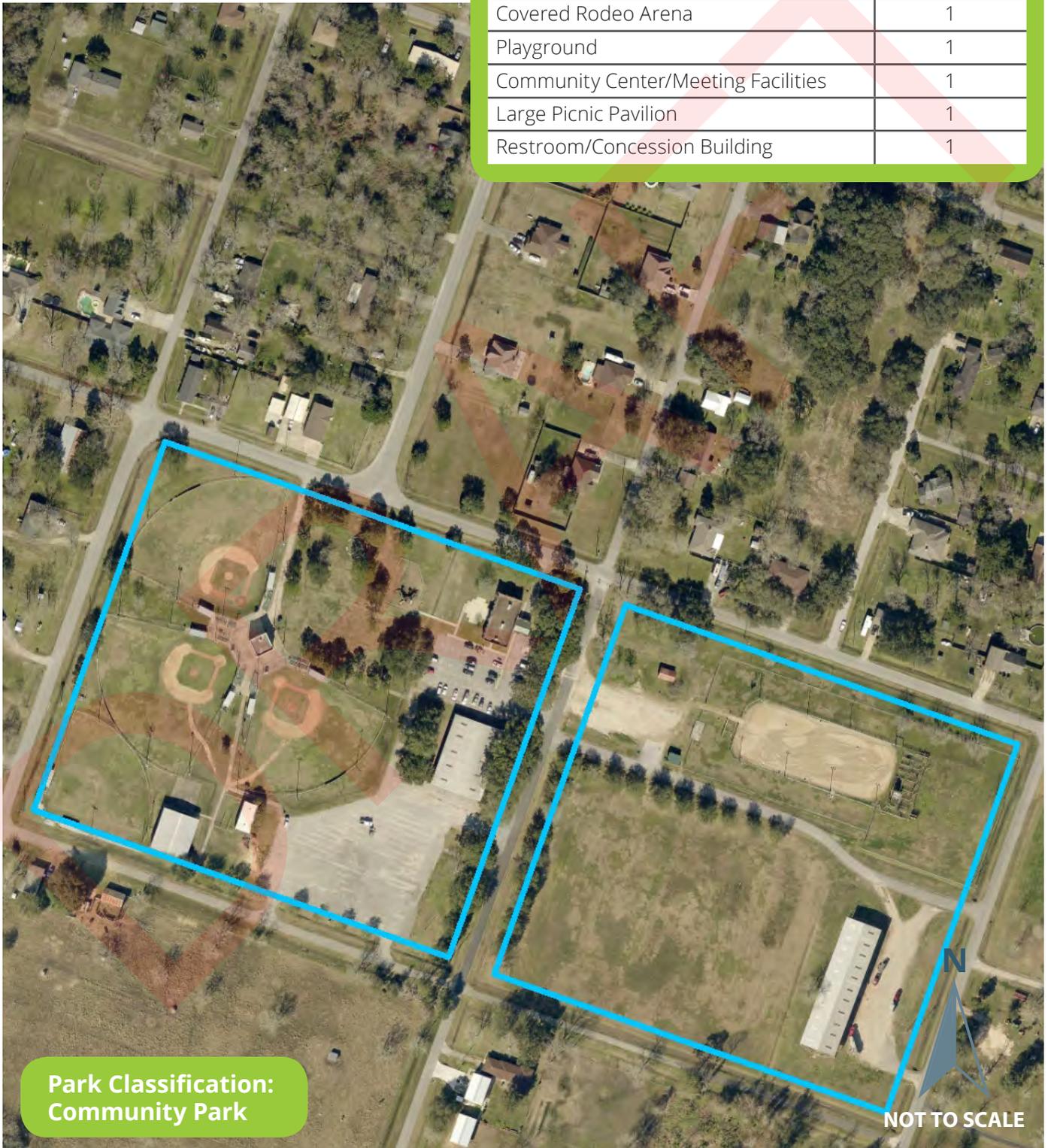
RUNGE PARK

4605 Peck Ave, TX

Acreage: 20 acres

FIGURE 2.24 RUNGE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Baseball Fields	4
Multi-Use Field	1
Rodeo Arena	1
Covered Rodeo Arena	1
Playground	1
Community Center/Meeting Facilities	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Restroom/Concession Building	1



Park Classification:
Community Park

WALTER HALL PARK

807 SH 3 N, League City, TX

Acreage: 86 acres
Historic Site



Park Classification:
Regional Park

NOT TO SCALE



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WALTER HALL PARK

807 SH 3 N, League City, TX

Acreage: 86 acres

Historic Site



The caretakers house is a historic structure located in Walter Hall Park. The structure is in severe disrepair .

FIGURE 2.25 WALTER HALL PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Backstop	1
Boat Ramp with Pier	1
Soccer/Football Fields	4
Lighted Tennis Courts	2
Sand Volleyball Court	1
Walking Trail	1
Playground	2
Historic Site	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	3
Large Picnic Pavilion	3
Small Covered Sitting Areas	5
Gazebo	1
Banquet Hall (Rentable Facility)	1
Wetlands Observation Platform	1
Boardwalk	1
Parks Service Center	1
Restroom Building	2
Festival Site	1
Canoe Launch	1



Walter Hall Park has a variety of park amenities including the boardwalk along Clear Creek.

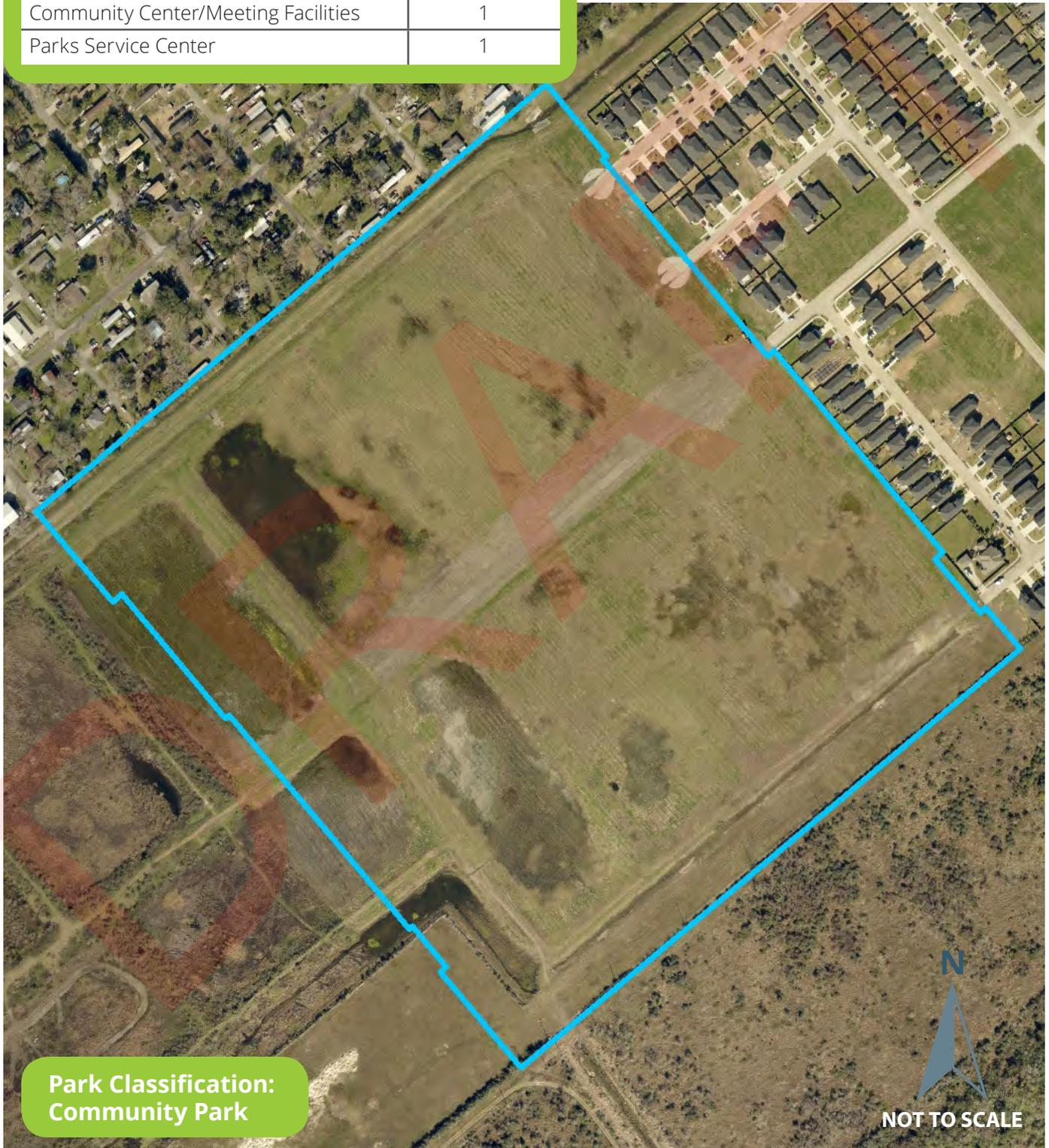
64-ACRE PARK

4833 10th Street, Bacliff, TX

Acreage: 64 acres

FIGURE 2.26 64-ACRE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Multipurpose Field	1
Ponds	2
Playground	2
Community Center/Meeting Facilities	1
Parks Service Center	1



**Park Classification:
Community Park**

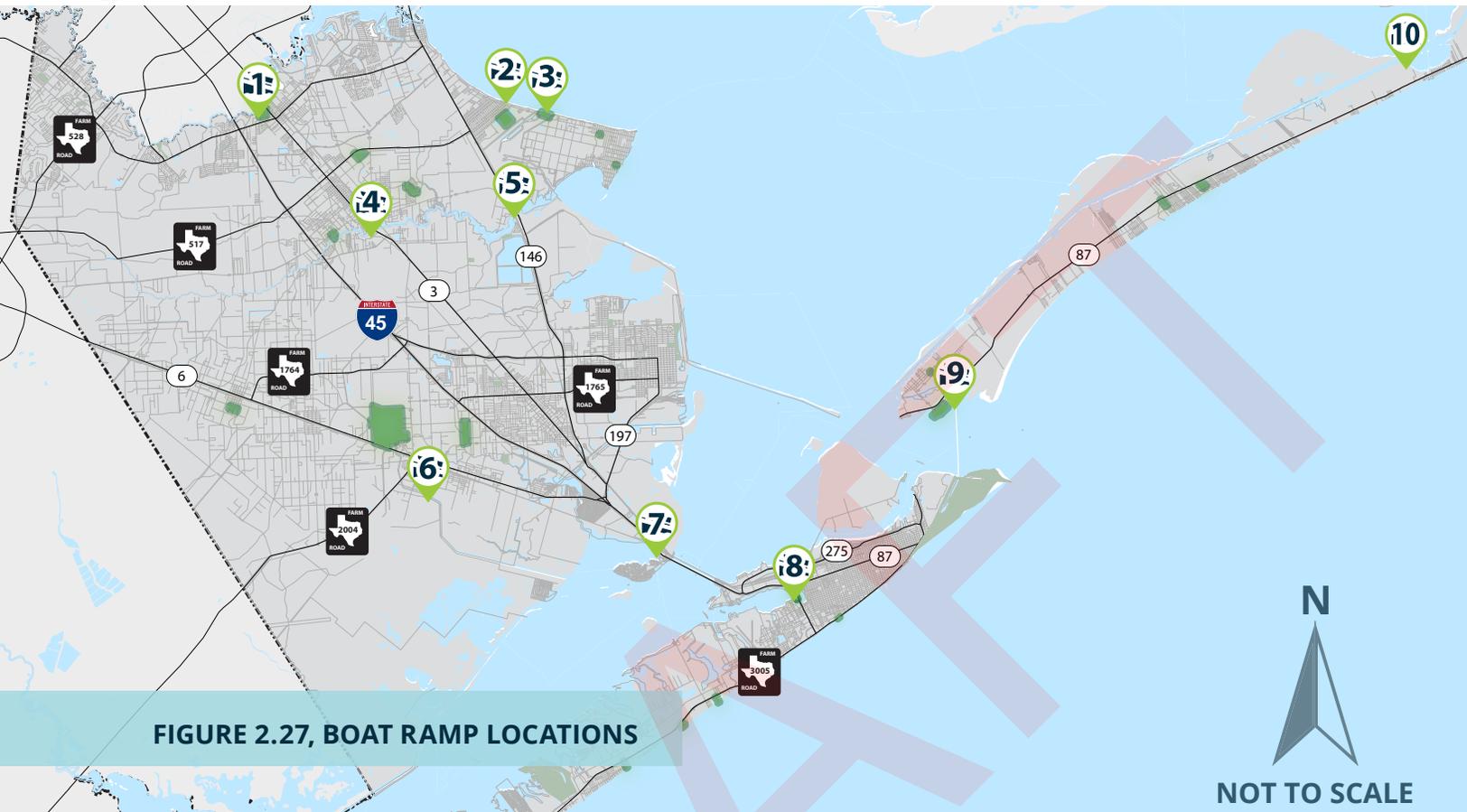
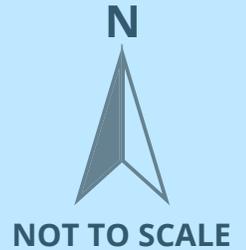


FIGURE 2.27, BOAT RAMP LOCATIONS



1 Walter Hall Boat Ramp

807 SH 3 N, League City, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips), Dock/Fishing Pier, Kayak/Canoe Launch

2 Bacliff Boat Ramp

4445 Boulevard St., Bacliff, TX

Boat Launch, Dock/Fishing Pier

3 Bayshore Boat Ramp

5437 East FM 646, Bacliff, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips), Dock/Fishing Pier, Restroom

4 Dickinson Bayou "Hwy 3" Boat Ramp

2917 48th St., Dickinson, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips), Dock/Fishing Pier, Porta-toilet

5 Dickinson Bayou "Hwy 146" Boat Ramp

1460 29th St., San Leon, TX

Boat Launch, Dock/Fishing Pier (2)

6 Hitchcock Boat Ramp

7827 2nd St., Hitchcock, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips),

7 Jones Bay Boat Ramp

601 Jones Lake Rd., Tiki Island, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips), Dock Pier

8 61st Street Boat Ramp

1600 61st St., Galveston

Boat Launch, Dock Pier, Restroom

9 Pilsner Boat Ramp

905 16th St., Port Bolivar, TX

Boat Launch, Dock Pier, Porta-toilet

10 Lauderdale Boat Ramp

1300 Yacht Basin, Gilchrist, TX

Boat Launch



The Wayne Johnson Community Center, located in Carbide Park hosted one of the two Open Houses for this planning effort.

Community Centers and Museum

Galveston County Department of Parks and Cultural Services oversees three community centers. The community centers are tasked with hosting and programming for County seniors. This programming includes daily activities, meal programs, and field trips.

The Museum currently is in a rebuilding phase due to the impacts of Hurricane Ike. The Galveston County Museum collection is located in the old County Courthouse. The Museum's current collection of historical artifacts can be accessed to assist with research and general inquiry, as there are no exhibits available for the public view. Plans for opening are Fall 2017.

Bacliff Community Center

4503 11th St., Bacliff TX

Dickinson Community Center

2714 Hwy 3, Dickinson, TX

Wayne Johnson Community Center

4102 Main St., La Marque, TX





Partnerships are important to the oversight and operation of many of the park facilities, sport complexes are an example where a local volunteer organization is tasked with maintenance duties.

RECREATION PARTNERSHIPS

The Galveston County park system currently is involved in a number of partnerships that contribute to the provision of recreational offerings within the park system. Some of these can be categorized as one of the following:

Public-Private

Promotion of vendors, such as food trucks, in parks would draw local tourism and build on the sense of place. Additional efforts in focusing on promoting sponsored events through sporting companies may also invite more recreation tourism.

Public Ownership - Public Oversight

Partnering with established public entities or organizations to better allocate park resources and responsibilities has been known to be effective. The oversight provided through delegation of municipality ownership or park boards allows decisions to be placed in the hands of those most familiar or active with facilities.

Public - Volunteer Groups

Partnership with local volunteer groups to promote pride in their county parks and help abate maintenance would prove a successfully viable option. Recruitment of user groups, interested in more park facility involvement, provides a reliable source of volunteers in many cases and appears already in place.



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The needs assessment is the analytical element of the planning process where the support for specific projects are derived. The recommendations coming out of a park planning effort need to be based on a variety of assessments to insure that the park system is developed in a thorough manner. This approach insures that planning efforts are responsive to local citizen desires and promote the responsible use of County resources.

The 2011 Master Plan relied primarily on citizen, stakeholder group, and public officials input as the source of information used in conducting the needs assessment. As part of the plan update process this plan uses three distinct methods of determining park system needs.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT PARAMETERS

In conducting an analysis of needs, a planning process should look at three different types of assessments. These assessment techniques are consistent with accepted methodologies identified by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and are described as follows:

- **Demand-Based Assessment.** This technique uses citizen input to determine actual and/or anticipated park usage. This approach provides recommendations for suitable recreation facilities that reflect the desires of the local community. This assessment type provides a qualitative analysis of the park system from the user perspective.
- **Standard-Based Assessment.** This technique uses locally developed level of service analysis to assess existing parks and recreation facilities. This assessment relies on establishing benchmarks that are used to help promote the equitable provision of services across park types.





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- **Resource-Based Assessment.** This technique recognizes the inherent community opportunities offered by the built environment, the natural environment, or other relationships. The identification of these opportunities allow the County to pursue land acquisition, developing facilities, or partnering with local organizations to address recreation demands in a creative and responsible manner.

Individually, these assessment techniques would be inadequate for a County to effectively plan its park system, but combined they provide the tools to evaluate a park system that best suits the community.

DEMAND BASED ASSESSMENT

Public Officials and Stakeholder Interviews

The public official and stakeholder interviews were conducted to identify the issues and opportunities facing the Galveston County parks system. The County Judge and County Commissioners provided responses to a series of prompts. These responses were collected in separate sessions and the results were combined into a summary.

The interview responses clearly stated that the County efforts should focus on the larger community and regional parks, with the provision of parks resources to concentrate on populations in the unincorporated portions of the County. There was universal support for using partnerships to enhance the park system facilities and offerings where possible. The use of public-private partnerships was an agreed-upon method to enhance both park amenities and encourage entrepreneurship. Financial responsibility and the efficient use of County tax dollars was a priority for all of the public officials. Below is a list of amenities identified by the County's public officials to be added to the park system:

- Desire to add an all-abilities playground to be located in Carbide Park.
- Support for the addition of a sporting clay facility to Jack Brooks Park, although there is some concern about the liability. Ideally the County would help with initial set-up and an outside organization would oversee the operation.
- There is mixed support for a dog park to be added to the County parks system, with some public officials supportive and others unsure of the need.
- Support for splash pads to be added into County parks in lieu of swimming pools. There is some concern of the maintenance and oversight of a splash pad facility and concern that it would stress County resources.

Public Open House

Two public open houses were held to allow for area residents to be introduced to the park planning process and to provide an opportunity for general comment about the park system. A portion of the open house material was developed to get specific feedback on each park.



Local citizens give their input on park recommendations and park design policies.

The following highlights the comments received about improvements to individual parks by the attendees of the public open house:

- Improve and increase maintenance to the arena facilities at Jack Brooks Park. Improvements included lighting, the addition of big fans, and more access for open riding.
- Increased maintenance to arena facilities at Runge Park, including drainage and weekly dragging.
- The addition of water fountains at both Jack Brooks Park and Runge Park.
- The addition of a dog park at Jack Brooks Park.
- The addition of a splash pad at Jack Brooks Park.
- Better fencing at Jack Brooks Park, specifically at the model airplane field.
- Increased lighting in parking areas.
- Increase of covered seating at Bayshore Park.
- Increased security at Elva Lobit Park.
- Improvements to softball complex at Ray Holbrook Park, including lighting, fencing, maintenance, and parking.
- The addition of trees and improved maintenance of existing trees at Walter Hall Park.

Additionally, attendees were asked to respond to a few prompts related to the overall guiding principals for the park system. There was overwhelming support that the Galveston County park properties should help increase tourism to the region. As a general design theme, residents would prioritize the park design





policies to focus on safety over other ideals, like sustainability, resiliency, and low-impact principals.

Public Survey

An online public survey was conducted to better understand the opinions, perceptions, and desires of the local community. A successful outreach effort resulted in the participation of 337 respondents between June 26th to July 7th of 2017.

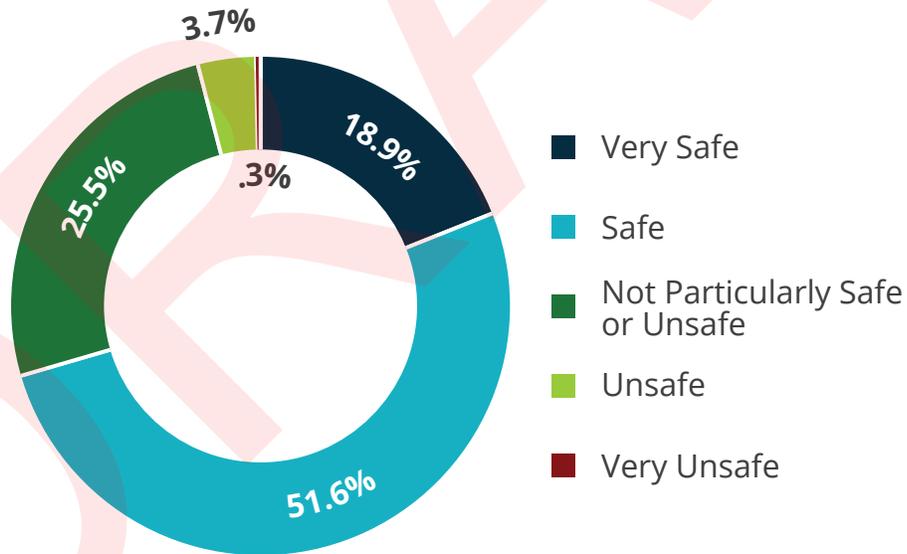
Of the 337 respondents, 62.5 percent were male and 37.5 percent were female. The two largest age cohort of respondents 19-34 years-old and 35-44 years-old age groups which accounted for 27.7 percent and 28.0 percent respectively, with the next largest age group being 45-54 years-old at 20.8 percent.

Respondents were asked to respond to two topics, one on park safety and the other on the County's provision of recreational offerings. Those results are found on pages 38 through 40.

Performance Vs. Importance Assessment Matrix

This type of survey mechanism solicits survey respondent's views on the County's performance in providing park facilities/recreation activities. Respondents were asked to rank a list of park facilities/recreation activities based on its importance

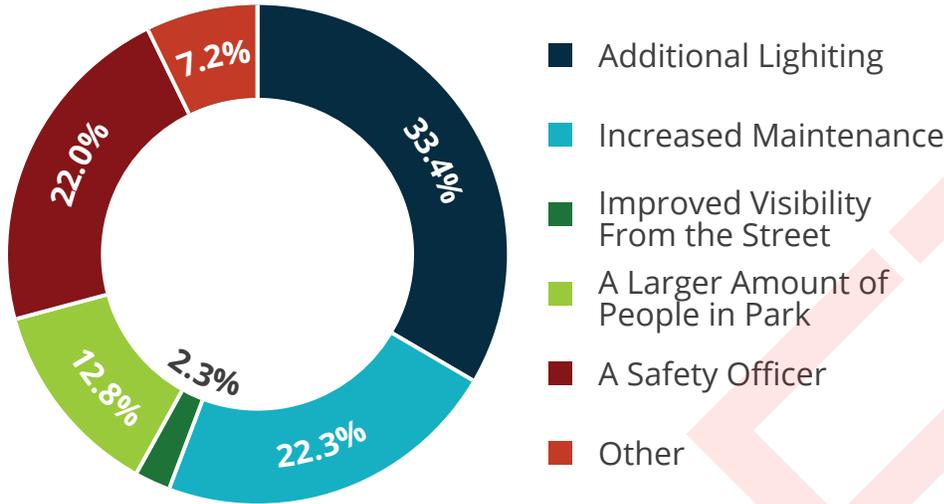
FIGURE 3.1, DO YOU FEEL SAFE IN GALVESTON COUNTY PARKS?



Survey respondents showed that they felt safe in Galveston County parks. Only four percent of respondents indicated that they felt unsafe at some level in County parks. While the results found in Figure 3.1 are generally very positive, it does not diminish the concern of safety by park users. The results found in the open house findings clearly state that park design principles should focus on safety improvements.



FIGURE 3.2, WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL SAFER?



When survey respondents were asked about what would make them feel safer lighting was identified as being the biggest contributor, followed by an increase in maintenance, and then a safety officer. The other category, as shown in Figure 3.2, had an open response entry, and the most common response was that a patrol car would improve safety. This response is in essence the same as the provision of a safety officer, which would make it the second most common response.

versus the County’s performance in providing them (see Figure 3.3). Combined answers are then plotted against each other to create the chart on page 40. The chart’s quadrants group park facilities/recreation programs into four categories:

- Keep Up the Good Work. Identifies park facilities/recreation programming where the County’s ability to provide park facilities/recreation programming closely matches the strong community desire.
- Needs Work. Highlights where the County is under-performing in providing park facilities/recreation programming compared to community demand.
- Possible Overkill. Includes park facilities/recreation programming provided by the County that significantly exceeds the community desires.
- Low Priority. Includes park facilities/recreation programming where County provision is low, as is community demand.

The “target line” included in the figure is a barometer that represents consistency between the County’s provision of a park facility or recreational programming and community expectations.

Park facilities/recreation programming as listed on page 40 are in accordance with their importance identified by survey respondents. A majority of the items listed are found in the “Needs Work” quadrant, reflecting previously identified statements by stakeholders about the need to improve the existing park system offerings.

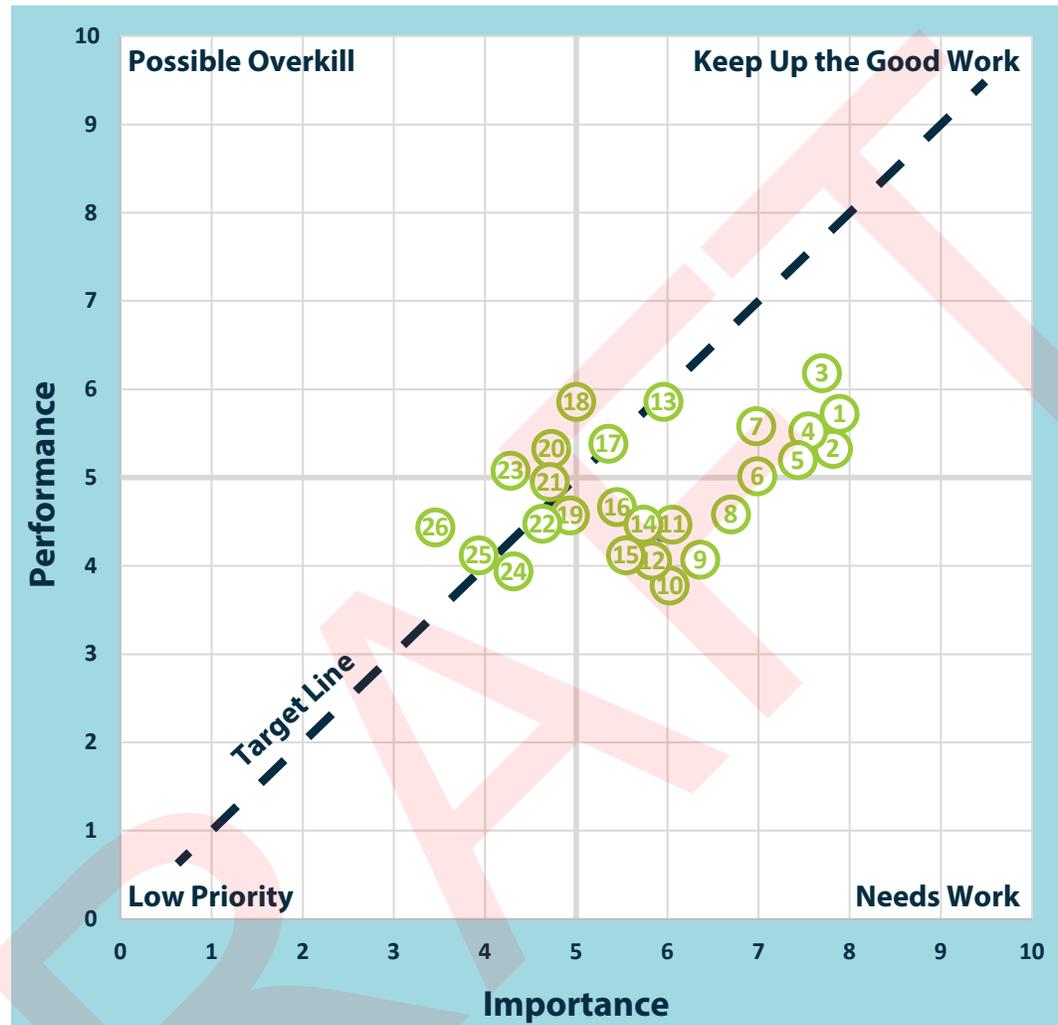
STANDARDS BASED ASSESSMENT

The County is responsible for almost 1,500 acres of park land that provide a variety of recreation opportunities across the County and within each of the four Commissioner Precincts. The County parks system is not intended to provide a set allotment of acreage per county resident or meet a specific service area





FIGURE 3.3, PERFORMANCE VS. IMPORTANCE ASSESSMENT



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|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Parks Shelters and Picnic Areas | 6. Fishing Areas | 13. Disc/Frisbee Golf | 18. Baseball Fields |
| 2. Running/Walking/Biking Shared-Use Paths/Trails | 7. Mountain Bike Trails | 14. Skate/Bike Park | 19. Equestrian Trails |
| 3. Playgrounds | 8. Kayaking | 15. Indoor Recreation Opportunities | 20. Soccer Fields |
| 4. Nature Trails | 9. Spray Park/Splash Pads | 16. Community Gardens | 21. Tennis Courts |
| 5. Natural Areas | 10. Camping | 17. Outdoor Basketball Courts | 22. Volleyball Courts |
| | 11. Dog Parks | | 23. Football Fields |
| | 12. Swimming Pool | | 24. Shooting Sports |
| | | | 25. Archery Sports |
| | | | 26. Golf Course |

The results of the Performance vs. Importance Assessment exercise shows that the County is adequately meeting the local demands with the top five facility/recreation programming elements being located in the “Keep of the Good Work” quadrant. There is room to improve, however, as much of the top half of the park facility/recreation program elements could move closer to the target line.

Ball fields and sports courts were viewed as less important park facilities/recreation programming element. However, the County’s performance for these elements are very close to meeting the community expectations, suggesting that maintaining these facilities at the current level would be appropriate.

coverage. The level of service (LOS) standards based assessment is intended to help provide guidelines for the planning and programming of park land.

Mini Park Level of Service

There is no specific LOS target recommended for mini parks – including pocket parks – in the Parks Master Plan Update. Often a mini park is best left to be implemented through private development. Instances of County involvement in the development of a mini park should be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be associated with the following provisions (list not all-inclusive):

- Public mini park development in Galveston County should occur when necessary to leverage a unique opportunity, or to protect a significant resource.
- Mini parks may be developed where smaller parcels are accessory to a larger resource. For instance, a mini park may serve as a trailhead or beach access point.

Neighborhood Park Level of Service

A County neighborhood park is generally one to 10 acres in size. The County provision of neighborhood parks should be limited to serving areas of the county where concentration of population exist, but are not located within a municipal boundary. Typically, neighborhood parks are in a central location for the residents they serve, and as such should be accessible to all users. In the instance a local municipality or other organization have vested interest in the property, the County should look at establishing thresholds at which the transition of ownership and/or operations to the local municipality would take place.

Neighborhood park development intended to meet Parks Master Plan LOS targets should occur under the following provisions:

- Neighborhood park land must be principally reserved for recreational use. Picnicking opportunities, open play areas, and playgrounds typical define the park offerings.
- Neighborhood parks should be located outside of the floodplain. Flood-prone areas should only overlap small percentages of the neighborhood park area.

Community Park Level of Service

A County community park is intended to serve a specific area or grouping of small communities. Although intended to be accessed by the community via motor vehicles, they also serve as neighborhood parks for the residents in the immediate vicinity. Community parks may accommodate larger community events, sports, and activities, and may contain popular recreation facilities. The additional facilities associated within a community park increase the park’s size requirements, meaning they typically exceed 10 acres in size. Similar to neighborhoods parks, there may be opportunities where the operation of a neighborhood park may be best left to a local municipality. The County should consider partnerships that would give oversight of programming and facility development for recreation offerings, and in some instances transfer ownership of the property out-right to the local municipality.





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Community park development to meet Parks Master Plan LOS targets should occur under the following provisions:

- Community parks may be partially located in flood-prone areas, but sufficient upland acreage should be available for facilities, buildings, and structures.
- Some community parks may be programmed so that a portion of their acreage serves as a nature park or preserve.
- Community parks may be of a sufficient size, and programmed in such a manner (i.e., athletic complex, event grounds, etc.) that they support a regional function.
- Community parks must be accessible via at least one major collector or arterial thoroughfare.

Regional Park Level of Service

Each of the County's precinct should contain at least one regional park, which often provide large areas and diverse offering recreational activities. Additionally, these parks attract people from relatively far distances, drawing in outside visitors who contribute financially to the local economy. Some of these regional parks will need to be programmed in a manner to provide provisions to hold festivals and other community gatherings.

Special Use Space

There is no specific LOS target for most types of special use parks such as community centers, athletic complexes, etc. These special use facilities may be programmed within other park land in the County. Boat ramps, which are considered a special use, should consider the following elements to be included or built out:

- Dock/Fishing Pier
- Separate Kayak Launch
- Restroom
- Parking for vehicles with trailer (10 space minimum)

Linear Parks

At this time there is no County LOS for the implementation of linear parks. However, when possible the County should work with other jurisdictions to connect their park land to these swaths of open space. This may include linking to trails systems or providing a corridor for a local municipality to construct a trail on property owned by the County.

Civic Space Level of Service

There is no specific LOS target recommended for civic spaces in the Parks Master Plan. The absence of LOS recommendations does not mean that publicly-accessible civic spaces should not be developed by the County. For purposes of this Parks Master Plan, the concept of "civic" space extends beyond the traditional definition of citizenship (and the free exercise of assembly) to include miscellaneous spaces intended for casual public gatherings.

RESOURCE BASED ASSESSMENT

Bayous, Waterways, and Natural Resources

The 2011 Master Plan identified the importance of the County’s abundant natural resources that attract sportsman and wildlife enthusiasts alike. The area’s marshes and bayous contribute important habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, and aquatic life. McAllis Point and Ostermayer Bayou Nature Preserves are examples where the County is contributing to the preservation of habitat without the need for extensive financial commitments.

These natural resources are not only important to the county residents, but to many state and national organizations. The 2011 Master Plan identifies “Ecotourism,” as a method to attract people to the region. This approach may provide more opportunities for the County to engage in recreation opportunities without the need to expend financial resources. Opportunities outside of partnerships with local municipalities and organization may include working with the State of Texas General Land Office, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department, the Nature Conservancy, the Trust for Public Lands, and many other concerned groups focused on habitat protection and conservation efforts.

Partnerships

Partnerships are a key component of the County’s desire to better manage their existing park land and corresponding financial resources. A variety of user groups and organizations that utilize the park facilities and often partner with the County for maintenance and operation arrangements. User agreements with area recreation leagues help maintain sports fields to that meet the needs of the primary user group. These maintenance agreements should continue to be a primary tool within the County’s repertoire.



BEACH ACCESS

Of the many amenities provided by the Galveston County parks system, access to waterfront and beaches is among the most valuable park resource. The County’s ownership of coastal lands should be preserved and protected, due to the substantial value it offers to the County residents and area visitors. Despite changes in the Galveston Island dune line between periods of avulsion or establishment, the Texas Open Beaches Act (OBA) of 1959 holds that a public easement for ingress and egress from State-owned beaches between the mean low tide and the line of vegetation along the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico shall be maintained. County parks situated along the coastline contribute significantly to unhindered access to the shore line, specifically ensuring that visitors may travel up and down the beach during low tide





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The 2011 Master Plan identifies the desire to partner with the City of Dickinson and League City for the maintenance and operation of community parks within their city limits. This relationship would allow the cities to program these parks to better meet the needs of their constituents. The long-term ownership of a new park property would need to be a part of any discussion for a partnership agreement.

The County successfully partnered with the City in the redevelopment of Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park, now operated by the City. The success and nature of this relationship has laid the groundwork for partnerships on additional County park properties located in the City of Galveston. This type of partnership would better serve the residents of Galveston Island and the County as a whole, through providing a closer level of oversight and potentially more responsive park operations.

The Galveston County Parks & Cultural Services Department should explore opportunities to co-locate the County Museum with a complimentary service or attraction. This type of partnership might be best accomplished at a building like a library or a visitor center. The co-location would provide a complimentary attraction to the host/partnering use.

SUMMARY OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The needs assessment component of the Galveston County Parks Master Plan Update process concludes the first section of the plan. This chapter is in essence the foundation for recommendations and implementation approaches found in the second section of this plan. To conclude this chapter, the following lists includes relevant findings and most prevalent needs for Galveston County's park system:

- Focus on incremental improvements to the top ten park system park facility/recreation programming elements. This effort would be in contrast to new parks and large park renovations.
- Work with area municipalities to develop trail system connections, with the County taking a role in assisting these efforts as opposed to leading them.
- Add an all-abilities playground in accordance to the overall value of importance placed on playground facilities by the community.
- Partner with other organizations to improve nature-based recreation opportunities should be pursued. This would include the recreational activities of nature viewing, boating, fishing, hunting, and camping.
- Upgrade boat ramps to ensure quality opportunities for fishing and boating. Kayak launches and fishing piers should be programmed into a boat ramp facility whenever possible.
- Pursue opportunities to increase the role the County parks system plays in attracting tourism. This effort is supported both by local residents and public officials. Opportunities to use parks as a platform to promote entrepreneurship should be encouraged in accord with a mutually-beneficial relationship partnership.



- Add a dog park to the park system offerings. This desire is likely in part for the socialization aspect for dog owners, more so than County residents' needs for a place to exercise their pets.
- Consider aquatics facilities. While not a top priority, community desire exists. Public officials support a splash pad facility over a swimming pool, but are still concerned about the operational expense.

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Section 2 Action Plan





PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are the first component of this Action Plan section of the Parks Master Plan. This is the portion of the planning process that sets the agenda for the Galveston County park system. moving forward. The Recommendations Chapter builds on the Master Plan goals identified in Chapter 1 and helps implement the community vision to develop guiding statements for future implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Galveston County will be responsible for implementing the recommendations set forth in this chapter. The Galveston County Department of Parks & Cultural Services will be the primary Park Master Plan administrator, while other county departments, boards, and especially the County Commissioners, will play important roles in contributing to the implementation of the plan. Chapter 5, Implementation defines the guidelines for accomplishing the Master Plan's recommendations.

The recommendations presented in this chapter are conceptual and are not accompanied by specific cost estimates. Costs for capital projects that relate to these recommendations are found in Figure 5.2, *Galveston County Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Priorities* (page 60).

The recommendations are organized by the commissioner precinct in which the recommendation is to take place. For those recommendations that apply precinct wide they will be grouped under a system-wide category.





SYSTEM WIDE

SW.1 Work with area jurisdictions to link County Parks to existing and proposed trail systems.

Survey results showed that the second-most important park facility/recreation program element was the provision of shared-use paths/trails. The County would be best served during the next five years identifying the opportunities for partnerships around trail development. The County should then conduct a trails study to develop a county-wide trails master plan. This plan would provide a foundation for a County supported trail system and contribute to an area wide tourism effort.

SW.2 Develop an annual capital fund for upgrading playgrounds, park shelters, and picnic areas.

Playgrounds, park shelters, and picnic areas were identified as an important park facilities/recreation in programing elements and, as such, maintaining these amenities would likely promote higher community perceptions of the park system. Establishing an annual capital fund specifically for playgrounds, park shelters, and picnic area improvements would allow the County to routinely upgrade these facilities and maintain an increased standard of quality. Additionally, changing playground surfacing to something more durable like a pour-in-place surfacing will make playgrounds more resilient to rain events. This would have an added benefit for user experience as well as improve safety of playground facilities.

ACTIVE PLAN

The Active Plan for the Lower Rio Grande Valley is both an active transportation plan and an economic development plan. It was developed with the purpose of tapping into the rapidly-expanding market for “active tourism” which is a segment of the leisure and travel industry involving physical activity that combines elements of adventure, nature, and culture.

Galveston County is poised to benefit from a similar type of study. The County should partner with other area entities to pursue this type of planning effort. The added recreation and tourism opportunities would match those that area residents are asking for!



SW.3 Work with area business to promote public-private partnerships that contribute to park amenities.

Galveston County should encourage local entrepreneurship by partnering with area businesses to enhance the amenities and offerings in local parks. This may include allowing food trucks for sporting events, hosting concerts, or other activities that contribute to the overall quality of life. It is important that these relationships be mutually beneficial, so that the County is able to recoup the necessary funds to account for related maintenance costs.

SW.4 Pursue the acquisition of a restroom trailer facility to better serve large events hosted in Galveston County Parks.

Many of the County restroom facilities are not currently able to handle the demands of large events. Investments in larger restroom facilities is not a recommended approach as many of the parks located along waterways and water bodies are susceptible to potential storm damage. Instead, the County should pursue purchasing a portable trailer facility that can be used for events. This trailer could be rented through park rental agreements and the County would maintain more control over event logistics.

SW.5 Develop a tree replanting and maintenance program that promotes exemplary tree health.

The County should establish best practices for tree maintenance and replacement to maintain its quality tree canopy. This could be accomplished by adding a staff arborist or keeping an arborist on a service contract. Some of the coastal and bay parks will have difficulty with tree establishment and those park should have different standards applied for tree plantings.



BELOW GROUND TREE STAKING

The underground tree staking method can be used in maintenance practices to better establish park system trees, without the need for unsightly posts and wire. A tree must be able to sway naturally back and forth in order to properly strengthen the trunk. Underdeveloped trunks cause a tree to break at the bottom in high winds once the stakes are removed.

A park with a number of newly planted and staked/wired trees can have the added difficulty associated with interrupted mowing lanes forcing more trimming work with the weed eater. This adds more labor time, which reduces the work efficiency of park grounds crews. All of that said, you cannot discredit the aesthetic beauty of a natural looking tree with zero visual bracing.



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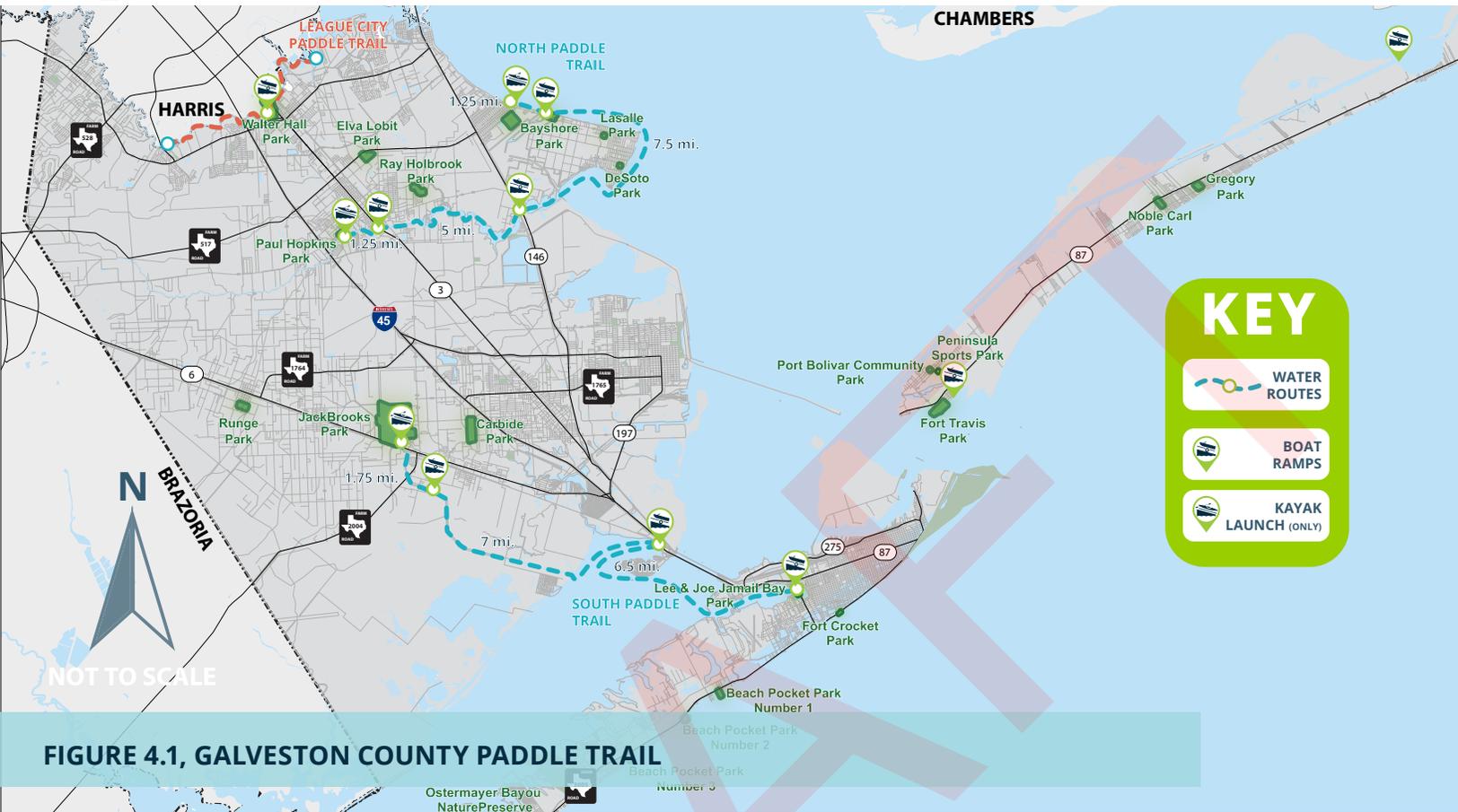


FIGURE 4.1, GALVESTON COUNTY PADDLE TRAIL

Paddle trails are reflective of the community demands for nature based recreation activities.

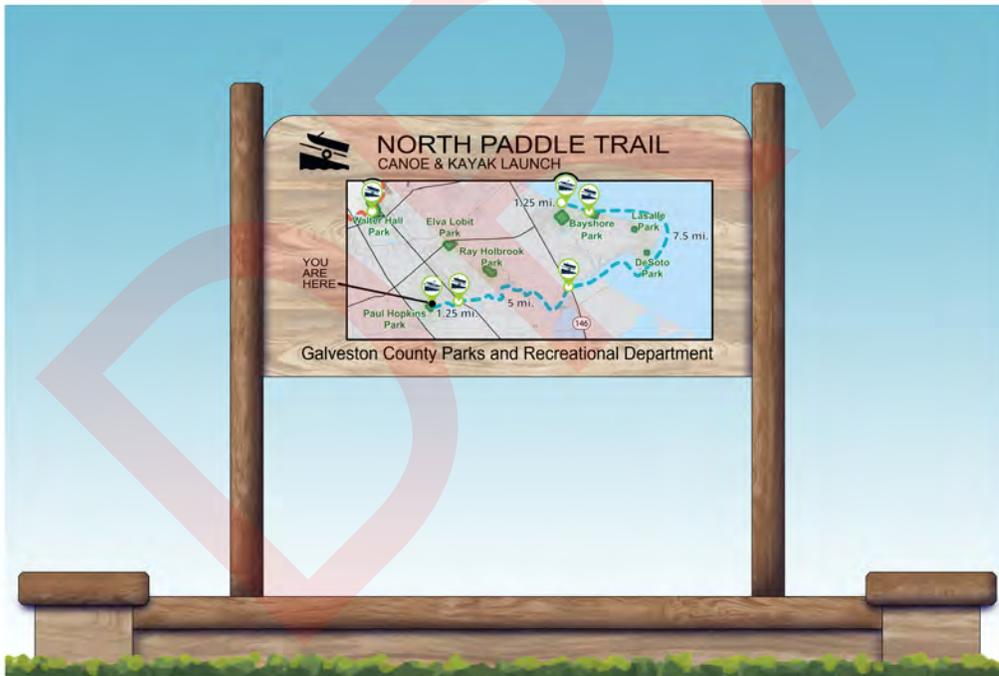


FIGURE 4.2, PADDLE TRAIL SIGNAGE

A family of paddle trail signage should orient users to the location and direction of the route.

SW.6 Implement level of service standards for boat ramps across the park system.

The boat ramps in the Galveston County park system are valuable assets and both County staff and local residents desire that these be quality facilities. The boat ramps should be upgraded to include a dock/fishing pier, separate kayak launch, a restroom, and parking in accordance with the standards set forth in Chapter 4 (see page 42). The expectation should not be that all boat ramp facilities look and function identically, but that they meet the standards in the most appropriate manner.

SW.7 Implement Paddle Trail Plan

The Galveston Park system has a number of parks that are next to waterways. Building upon the feedback from the community survey, it would be wise for the County to complement this resource by developing a paddle trail network. The paddle trail network can be supported by existing County park properties. Kayak launches should be added to the properties and boat ramp locations where they don't exist. Kayak launches should be located separately from boat ramp facilities to help reduce conflict between boaters and paddlers. (see Figures 4.1 and 4.2)

SW.8 Work with local municipalities on park properties within their jurisdictional boundaries to increase operational maintenance efficiencies.

The 2011 Parks Master Plan calls for working with the cities of Dickinson and League City to transfer ownership and operations of parks in their jurisdiction. The park properties that were recommended for transfer are Paul Hopkins Park, Ray Holbrook Park, and Elva Lobit Park. It is still appropriate to recommend these actions as these community parks are intended to serve directly adjacent neighborhoods. Growing populations in these cities will require recreation offerings that are more responsive to resident needs.

PRECINCT 1

D1.1 Renovate Gregory Park's large pavilion and add a baseball field.

The pavilion at Gregory Park is currently in need of replacement. The park hosts the Crystal Beach Crab Festival and the existing pavilion plays an important role in that event. Additionally, there is enough space in the park to add a baseball field and it is recommended that one is constructed at this park location. This would be the second field on Bolivar Peninsula, which would assist in meeting the community's recreation needs.

D1.2 Complete the 64-Acre Park development by adding the youth baseball/softball field four-plex and splash pad.

At the time of plan development, 64-Acre Park was under construction. It is recommend that the build-out of the park is finished, which would include a baseball/softball field four-plex and a splash pad. This project should eventually connect to Bayshore Park via shared-use path.





FIGURE 4.3, BAYSHORE PARK REDESIGN

Adding beaches to Bayshore Park would increase its popularity with area county residents.

D1.3 Conduct a Bayshore Park redesign to better host festivals and take advantage of its location on Galveston Bay.

Bayshore Park is in a prime location on the Galveston Bay shoreline. The park should be redesigned to better host community events and festivals. This would include the addition of an amphitheater, a series of beaches with breakwaters, and a trail that connects to 64 Acre Park. The baseball dugouts and fences should be removed, leaving the backstop to function as a practice space, but not an enclosed field. This would open up the park grounds to be better utilized during events and festivals. (see Figure 4.3, *Bayshore Park Redesign*)

D1.4 Build out the remainder of Ray Holbrook Park.

This area of the County is experiencing the kind of growth that would justify additional recreational amenities within Ray Holbrook Park. The additional amenities should include a walking trail, playground, picnic facilities, etc. The softball fields should also be considered for upgrades such as lighting. The City of Dickinson should be a partner in any future development plans for the park.





FIGURE 4.4, BACLIFF PIER AND CAFE

Redeveloping the Bacliff Boat Ramp could create a unique amenity and opportunity for a public-private partnership.

D1.5 Enter into a public-private partnership to redevelop the Bacliff Boat Ramp into a fishing pier with a small cafe.

The Bacliff Boat Ramp has limitations that lessen its value as a boat ramp in the Galveston County parks system. There is limited space for parking and doesn't function ideally for disembarking boats. However, the space would make a wonderful opportunity for a public-private partnership to construct a fishing pier and cafe establishment. The cafe would be able to manage the fishing pier and collect fees-for-use to be placed into a fund for maintenance and upkeep. The cafe location would create a unique dining experience. Partnering with a local business would help promote the types of mutually beneficial public-private relationships that create additional amenities. (see Figure 4.4, *Bacliff Pier and Cafe*)

PRECINCT 2

D2.1 Partner with the City of Galveston on the operation of Beach Pocket Parks.

Using a similar model that is in place with Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park, Galveston County should partner with the City of Galveston for the operation of the Beach Pocket Parks. This relationship would allow for a more efficient use of the County resources, as well as helping the parks be more responsive to Galveston Island residents.



FIGURE 4.5, BEACH POCKET PARK #3 CONCEPT PLAN



As show in this illustration, the design of the RV park would include ample space between a number of RV hook-ups, attractive tropical plantings that require minimal maintenance and provide screening, and additional park facilities like outdoor grills, picnic seating, and car parking. All these features would enhance the site's attraction and maximize the use of County park property.



FIGURE 4.6, BEACH POCKET PARK #3

The Beach Pocket Park #3 RV park would promote improved beach access and area tourism.

D2.2 Partner with the City of Galveston to develop Beach Pocket Park #3 into a RV park.

Beach Pocket Park #3 is a currently vacant parcel with two structures that are in disrepair from storm damage. It is recommended that the property be turned into a RV park. An RV park would provide increased opportunities for county residents to access the beach. This effort would also promote and encourage tourism in the park system. The park should be developed and operated in a manner similar to the Dellanera RV park. (see Figures 4.5 and 4.6, *Beach Pocket Park #3 Concept Plan and Beach Pocket Park #3*)

D2.3 Strengthen partnerships between the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, the County, and open ride groups for arena use.

Consider establishing a public-user partnership with open ride groups to engage them more with the maintenance and operation costs of arena facilities. The County recognizes that this recreation activity is a unique offering for a niche group of county residents. It would be appropriate for an operations cost-share to be borne by user groups, who desire an improved facility-use experiences. Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, as a primary tenant, should be included in these discussions to identify potential arrangements that will result in improved facility conditions and user experiences.

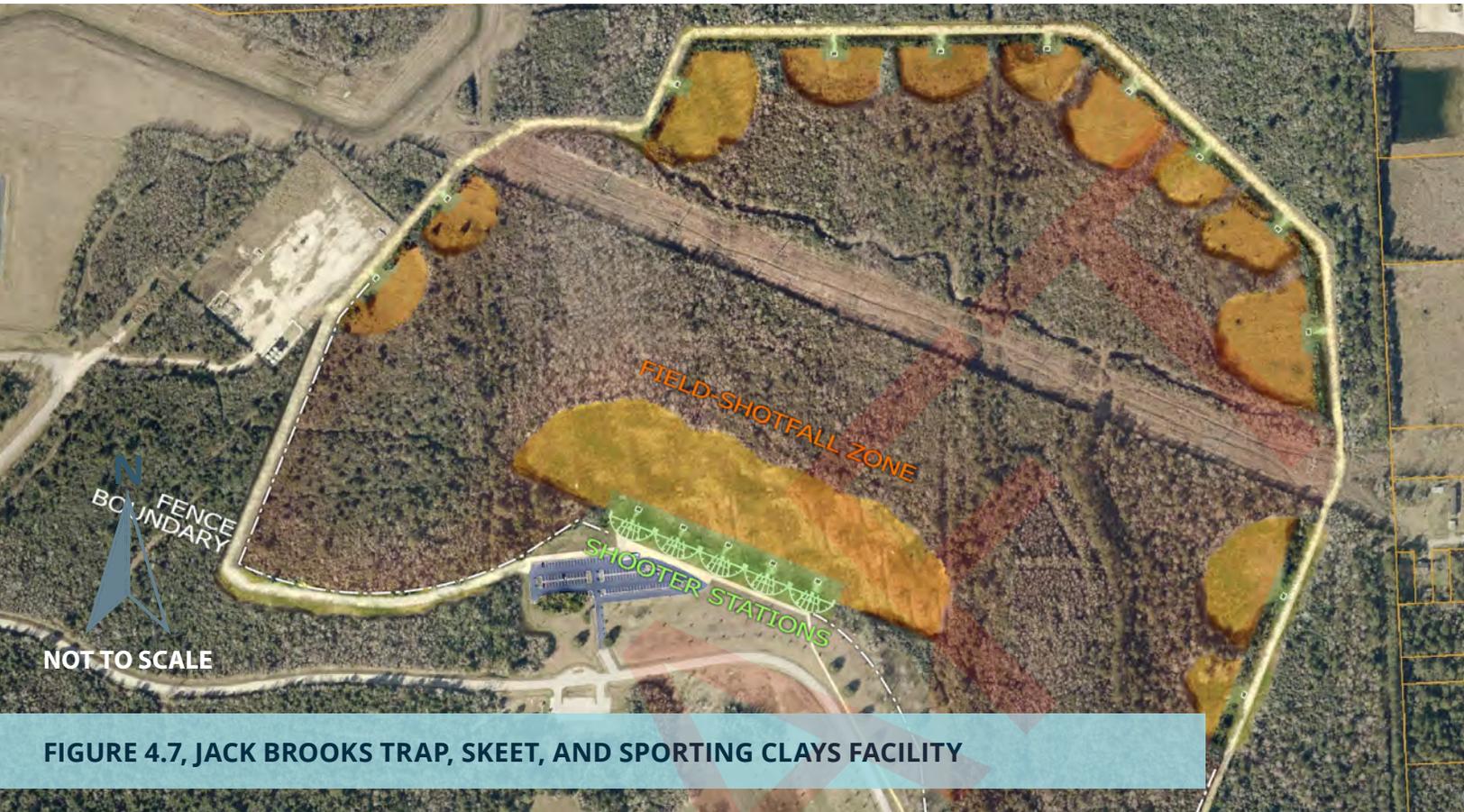


FIGURE 4.7, JACK BROOKS TRAP, SKEET, AND SPORTING CLAYS FACILITY

The conversion of the northern half of Jack Brooks Park into a gun range may be a viable option.

TRAP, SKEET, AND SPORTING CLAYS

Viable conversion for a gun range is best suited by Jack Brooks Park due to the park’s size and surrounding density. Gun range parameters require that the arrangement of fields or aisles should maintain a sufficient radial “Field-Shotfall Zone” of ≥ 300 yards (900 feet), as shown in Figure 4.7. This area meets the maximum bounds of a typical skeet-shooting shot range, which should be less in size than #2 shot size (which exceeds the type #7 or #8 shot used clay shooting). For additional trap houses and skeet fields, the next structure in the arrangement should be placed at a minimum of 50 yards (150 feet) from the adjacent, horizontally perpendicular to the intended line of fire.

The shown simulation has been designed above the minimum parameters of a skeet and trap range in Jack Brooks Park. With these limits, 5 skeet/trap shooting stations and 12 sporting clay aisles may fit into the northern tract of the park, however a professional firearm facilities consultant should still ultimately advise on a final, more qualified design.



D2.4 Establish a trap, skeet, and sporting clays facility task force to advise on facility development, operations, and maintenance.

A trap, skeet, and spot and sporting clays facility was identified both by stakeholder groups and on-line survey respondents as an initiative the County should pursue. In order to accomplish this it will be important to examine all avenues for operation and maintenance of the facility. A public-private partnership could be a mechanism that to accomplish this task. Creating a task force of engaged marksmanship sport enthusiasts will contribute to a transparent and successful process.

Prior to installing a gun range, considerations of the parameters should be reviewed by local stakeholders, prospective users/gun club for the site, and a professional committee experienced in advising recreational shooting facilities. Accordingly, it is recommended that an advisory group be formed to guide the design and management of the facility. (see Figure 4.7, *Jack Brooks Trap, Skeet, And Sporting Clays Facility*)

PRECINCT 3

D3.1 Add all abilities playground to Carbide Park.

As an effort to better serve all community members of Galveston County, it is recommended that the County build an all-abilities playground at Carbide Park. This playground would be specially designed to encourage inclusive play principles that promote all forms of sensory engagement. This playground should be complimented by the supporting facilities such as bathrooms, shade structures, and accessible parking spaces.





FIGURE 4.8, Walter Hall Park Amphitheater

The addition of an amphitheater and redeveloped central lawn is intended promote better function of the park during events and festivals.

PRECINCT 4

D4.1 Redevelop central lawn at Walter Hall Park.

Walter Hall Park currently hosts the annual the League City Music Festival & BBQ Cookoff. The park's large central lawn should be redeveloped to be function as a multipurpose gathering space and recreation field. Part of this central lawn space has an old baseball field that has limited use, and it is recommended that this field be removed. The lawn should be improved with tree planting around the perimeter and an amphitheater facility at one end. The central lawn should remain open and unprogrammed so that it can function as practice space or hold special recreation events like rugby matches. (see Figure 4.8, *FIGURE TITLE*)

D4.2 Add dog park to a portion of the Elva Lobit Park.

The addition of a dog park to the Galveston County park system would be the first of this facility type. The Galveston County park system is intended to serve all residents and while many of the County's residents live on large parcels of property, this does not negate the demand for a dog park. Many dog owners view going to the dog park as both a social and recreational activities not just for their pet, but themselves as well. Dog parks are becoming a common addition to parks system and can be an attraction that people will travel to visit.

D4.3 Add Kayak launch to Paul Hopkins Park.

Paul Hopkins Park is identified as point along the north paddle trail. Adding a kayak launch would provide another embarking point along the paddle trail. While it is recommended that operations and ownership be transferred to the City of Dickinson, this improvement would be a beneficial addition to the park regardless.

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IMPLEMENTATION

This Chapter concludes the second part of the Action Plan Section of the Parks Master Plan. The prioritization and timing of park facilities/recreation programming, recommendations, and capital project are intended to provide tangible steps of action.

The Implementation Program prepared for the Galveston County parks system is intended to assist in the administrative actions of the corresponding capital projects to facilitate system-wide park development and redevelopment.

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

The implementation program consist of three parts: a park facility/recreation program prioritization, a recommendations prioritization, and the parks capital improvement program. The abilities to address these elements should be used as a metric to measure the success of accomplishing the purpose of the Parks Master Plan. The criteria used to prioritize the park facility needs of of Galveston County include level of need based on community input (on-line survey results, stakeholder interviews, open house meeting, etc.), level of service standards, and assessment of existing park facility inventory.

Park Facilities/Recreation Programming Prioritization

The prioritization of park facilities/recreation programing is based on the public survey results, open house feedback, County staff direction, and input from public officials. The park facilities/recreation programing prioritization takes the individual components that make up the park system. The purpose of this exercise is to highlight priority recreation offerings for park system improvements. This prioritization should be use in a manner to allow the County to be flexible and opportunistic with the development and build out of its parks. This information is found in Figure 5.1, 2017 Park Facilities/Recreation Programing Prioritization on page 62.



FIGURE 5.1, 2017 PARK FACILITIES/RECREATION PROGRAMMING PRIORITIZATION

Priority	Park Facility/Recreation Programing
1	Park Shelters and Picnic Areas
2	Running/Walking/Biking Shared-Use Parths/Trails
3	Playgrounds
4	Nature Trails/Natural Areas
5	Fishing Areas
6	Kayaking
7	Spray Parks/Splash Pad
8	Dog Park
9	Mountain Bike Trails
10	RVing/Camping

Recommendations Prioritization

The recommendation prioritization is presented in Figure 5.2 (see pages 63 through 65). The actions and initiatives identified within the figure are described in more detail in Chapter 4. These actions and initiatives exhibit a high degree of consistency with all three criteria referenced in the previous subsection, and should receive the highest level of attention by the County over the next ten years. All recommendations are divided into two categories, based on the level of need and estimated ease of implementation:

- **Short-Term Priorities.** To be initiated or completed within the next three years.
- **Long-Term Priorities.** To be initiated within the next four to 10 years, or as opportunities occur.

Note that the level of prioritization illustrated in the Figure 5.2 is intended as a decision-making guide rather than a mandate. Any item listed in Figure 5.2 may be initiated sooner than recommended if unique circumstances or opportunities arise.



FIGURE 5.2, 2017 RECOMMENDATION PRIORITIES

Number	Recommendations	Time Frame (Priority)		
		Near-Term (Years 1-3)	Long-Term (Years 4-10)	Ongoing
SW.1	Work with area jurisdictions to link County Parks to existing and proposed trail systems.			✓
SW.2	Develop an annual capital fund for upgrading playgrounds, park shelters, and picnic areas.	✓		
SW.3	Work with area business to promote public-private partnerships that contribute to park amenities.			✓
SW.4	Pursue the acquisition of a restroom trailer facility to better serve large events hosted in Galveston County Parks.	✓		
SW.5	Develop a tree replanting and maintenance program that promotes exemplary tree health.			✓
SW.6	Implement level of service standards for boat ramps across the park system.			✓
SW.7	Implement Paddle Trail Plan.	✓		
SW.8	Work with local municipalities on park properties within their jurisdictional boundaries to increase operational maintenance efficiencies.			✓
D1.1	Renovate Gregory Park’s large pavilion and add a baseball field.	✓		
D1.2	Complete the 64-Acre Park development by adding the youth baseball/softball field four-plex and splash pad.		✓	
D1.3	Conduct a Bayshore Park redesign to better host festivals and take advantage of its location.		✓	
D1.4	Build out the remainder of Ray Holbrook Park.		✓	
D1.5	Enter into a public-private partnership to redevelop Bacliff Boat Ramp into a fishing pier with a cafe.		✓	
D2.1	Partner with the City of Galveston on the operation of Beach Pocket Parks.			✓
D2.2	Partner with the City of Galveston to develop Beach Pocket Park #3 into a RV park.	✓		
D2.3	Strengthen partnerships between the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, the County, and open ride groups.	✓		
D2.4	Establish a trap, skeet, and sporting clays facility task force to advise on facility development, operations, and maintenance.		✓	
D3.1	Add an all-abilities playground to Carbide Park.	✓		
D4.1	Redevelop central lawn at Walter Hall Park.		✓	
D4.2	Add a dog park to a portion of the Elva Lobit Park.	✓		
D4.3	Add a Kayak launch to Paul Hopkins Park.	✓		





Highway 146 boat ramp is a popular park facility. Partnering with other public entities who benefit from county park facilities can provide other avenues of funding for capital projects.

Park Capital Improvement Program

The Galveston County Master Plan's Capital Priorities list identifies potential development projects that support the implementation of many park system recommendations listed and described in Chapter 4. These recommended capital projects are listed in Figure 5.3, Capital Improvement Projects. The Capital Priorities list herein does not include recommendations regarding small capital needs at individual park sites, or operational projects such as maintenance or equipment needs.

The capital priorities list provided in Figure 5.3, is not a supplement to, or replacement of, any formal capital improvements plan (CIP) adopted by the County Commissioners Court as part of the County's annual budget process. Further, this project list should not affect the operational budget of the County's Department of Parks & Cultural Services. The priority ranking included in Figure 5.3 was developed based on the public survey results, open house feedback, County staff direction, and input from public officials. It is important that when reviewing the Capital Project that this list is intended to be aspirational in nature, the plan success is not predicated on construction of all projects or all components of each project.

FIGURE 5.3, CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION¹

Project	Cost	Time Frame (Priority)		Notes
		Near-Term (Years 1-3)	Long-Term (Years 4-10)	
Carbide All Abilities Playground.	\$540,000	✓		Look for foundation funds to complement efforts
Gregory Park Baseball Field & Pavilion Refurbishment	\$600,000	✓		Baseball field includes perimeter and foul line fencing, and backstop.
Beach Pocket Park #3 RV Park	\$1,465,000	✓		Cost saving could be seen in public-private partnerships.
Dr. Lloyd K Lauderdale Boat Ramp & Restrooms	\$610,000	✓		Dredging requirements may affect cost estimate.
Elva Lobit Park Dog Park	\$325,000	✓		Potential saving by pursuing cost share with City of Dickinson.
Highway 146 Boat Ramp & Kayak Launch	\$805,000	✓		Dredging requirements may affect cost estimate.
Highway 3 Boat Ramp	\$665,000	✓		Dredging requirements may affect cost estimate.
Paul Hopkins Kayak Launch	\$25,000	✓		Potential saving by pursuing cost share with City of Dickinson.
Jack Brooks Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clay Facility	\$750,000		✓	Cost are for initial equipment and structure development. Assume that the
Walter Hall Park Central Lawn	\$1,165,000		✓	Includes estimate for optional splash pad.
Bacliff Pier and Cafe	\$540,000		✓	Cost saving could be seen in public-private partnerships.
Bayshore Park Redesign	\$2,400,000		✓	Estimate includes pedestrian bridge that parallels Bayshore Dr. bridge as part of 64 Acre park trail connection, but not beach establishment.
Paul Hopkins Kayak Launch	\$25,000		✓	Potential saving by pursuing cost share with City of Dickinson.
64 Acre Ramp Baseball Fields & Splashpad	\$2,920,000		✓	Includes finishing the build-out of the sports complex.
Ray Holbrook Park Build-out	\$3,180,000		✓	Estimates include lighting for all softball fields.

1. Costs shown are at a pre-design level, and will vary as more detailed design occurs. Priority numbers and time frames are for planning guidance only, and not all items may be implemented in the sequence or time frame suggested. Costs ranges relating to land costs are general estimates intended to establish allowances, and will vary. Detailed appraisals should be conducted to determine specific land costs prior to acquisition. Grants and donations may reduce the cost of each item. All costs are shown in 2017 dollars.





FUNDING STRATEGIES

Grants can provide a significant source of additional funding for parks, but should not be considered as the primary source for park construction.

- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.** Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) is the primary source for parks grants in Texas - including funding for recreational trails. Up to \$500,000 for new parks and trail facilities with a 50 percent match. Grant applications that stress joint funding and support from two (2) or more local entities may have a greater chance of contending for the TRPA grants. These grants are highly competitive, and in recent years there have been far fewer grants available or awarded due to state budget restrictions. When the grants are available, the deadlines to submit applications vary by grant type and range from February 1st for some to October 1st for most categories.
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).** This National Park Service fund is divided into two (2) funding categories: state grants and federal acquisition. The state grants are distributed to all 50 states, DC, and other territories based on factors such as population. State grant funds can be used for park development and for acquisition of park land or easements.
- **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.** This program provides monetary support for transportation activities designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the transportation system. Typically, funds can be used for trails and streetscape related projects. Funding is on a cost reimbursement basis, and projects selected are eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs. This funding program is not available on a yearly basis, but intermittently only, often in two (2) to five (5) year periods.
- **Foundation and Company Grants.** These can assist in direct funding for projects, while others exist to help citizen efforts get established with small seed funds or technical and publicity assistance.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering with Local and Area Volunteer Groups.

Partnering with volunteer groups can be helpful when constructing trails or playground equipment. There are a variety of sources for volunteers including: user groups, local residents, corporate community service initiatives, and business and civic support groups.

Parks Foundation.

Parks foundations are non-profit organizations and another source for volunteers. People can make tax deductible donations to a foundation, which in turn provides financial support and volunteer time to a County's parks system. Parks foundations often assist with physical improvements to a park or support recreational programming. They essentially help fill the gap between what needs to be done and what a parks department can afford to do. These types of foundations can be used to help raise funds for specific projects, such as an all abilities playground.

Joint Planning with Area Municipalities.

Establishing joint planning review sessions with area communities allow for coordination of facilities and possible pooling of resources for a partnership to jointly develop park and recreation facilities. Encourage other cities in Galveston County to embrace the type of working relationship that the County has with the City of Galveston.

Public-Private Partnerships

These types of relationships are those that enable the private sector to work in cooperation with a government entity on the provision of a service. This may take the form of a long-term contract that places the private entity in charge of managing a public service to allow for a more flexible or innovative management approach. Additionally, these relationship can allow for the park system to establish a revenue fund that would help diversify the park systems funding mechanism. The overall desire for the County park system to contribute the area tourism economy supports the use of this type of partnership to add amenities and attractions to County park properties.

MASTER PLAN UPDATES

A review and update of the Master Plan should be conducted on an annual basis, or when significant changes occur. These updates may be published in a short report format and attached to this Master Plan for easy use. Four (4) key focus areas subject to periodic review may include:

- **Facility Inventory.** An inventory of new or updated County-owned facilities should be recorded. This inventory should also mention any significant changes or improvements to the County's park land, changes in partnerships with other public entities, or major private facilities that could influence recreation in Galveston County.
- **Public Involvement.** This Master Plan reflects the attitudes expressed by Galveston County's current residents. Over time, however, attitudes and interests may vary as the County changes. Periodic surveys are recommended to provide an ongoing account of resident attitudes, and to provide additional direction from the public on issues that may arise. In order to make an accurate comparison of the changes in attitudes, it is recommended that future surveys include similar questions to those included in this Master Plan.
- **Facility Use and Program Participation.** Facility use is a key factor in determining the need for additional facilities. Likewise, measures of program participation will assist in determining how to adjust its recreational program and event offerings over time to best meet latent community demand. The County should compile "recreation and facility annual activity reports" and use the results to modify Master Plan recommendations as needed.



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- **Implementation Program.** As items from the park facilities/recreations, recommendations, and capital project lists (Figures 5.1 through 5.3) are implemented, updates should be made to each to maintain an up-to-date work program for County staff, and elected and appointed officials.

A long-term vision for the County, which includes a five year strategy of prioritized implementation, was established through a drawing of support from public engagement, County staff direction, and public officials input. This, however, does not mean that the plan will serve every need and desire of the community for the past the plan's five year time frame. On the contrary, it is designed to specify guidance for implementation actions prioritized in the near-term future. In this regard, the following recommendations are intended to keep this plan current and up to date:

- **Annual Progress Report and Update.** Prior to the start of the annual budget process, County staff should prepare and present an annual progress report on the status of the actions identified in the Implementation Action Plan. In addition, they should work with elected and appointed officials to determine which recommendations should move up in prioritization.
- **Parks Master Plan (New).** This plan is an update to the 2011 Park Master Plan and when the timeframe of this plan comes to a end, a new parks master plan should be conducted. A parks plan is required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to remain eligible for grant funding. Undertaking an official plan update every five years helps the County to remain competitive in a very competitive grant process as TPWD places a higher point value (during grant funding evaluation) was the purpose of this plan effort.



- Add a dog park to the park system offerings. This desire is likely in part for the socialization aspect for dog owners, more so than County residents' needs for a place to exercise their pets.
- Consider aquatics facilities. While not a top priority, community desire exists. Public officials support a splash pad facility over a swimming pool, but are still concerned about the operational expense.

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Appendix



Appendix B, Parks and Recreation Funding Sources, includes a comprehensive list of federal, state, and privately-funded grant programs which support local park system or recreational program development. These funding sources may be structured to support direct investment into municipal parks and recreation systems, or to allow for the indirect development of park and recreation opportunities to support other principal grant objectives. For instance, federal and state grants focused on residential development or redevelopment may also allow for the inclusion of recreational amenities as part of an eligible project. Similarly, transportation funding sources may support multi-use trail and sidepath development.

The parameters of the funding sources referenced in this appendix are always changing. Be sure to contact administering agencies/organizations directly to receive the most up-to-date grant program information.

FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

Corporation For National and Community Service

AMERICORPS

AmeriCorps seeks to strengthen communities through projects that address education, public safety, the environment, and other unmet human needs. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities.

Amount: Vary, may be awarded as fixed amount or cost reimbursement

Deadline: January 18, 2017

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2017/americorps-state-and-national-grants-fy-2017>

Department of Agriculture — Agricultural Marketing Service

FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM

The purpose of the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) is to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>

Amount: Varies

Deadline: 2016 grants closed; 2017 grants pending

Contact:

USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 4534-South Building
Washington, DC 20250-0269

E-mail: USDAFMPPQuestions@ams.usda.gov

Phone: 202-720-0933

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Department of Agriculture — Food Nutrition Service

CHILD NUTRITION-TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION GRANT

The 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 114-113 December 18, 2015, authorized funding to be used



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for grants to States for the purpose of developing or improving current automated information systems used to operate and manage the Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs). The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has approximately \$4.4 million available in fiscal year (FY) 2017 to be used for grants under this funding. This Request for Applications (RFA) invites State agencies that administer the CNPs to apply for grant funding to implement innovative technology solutions that will improve program accountability, data accuracy, program performance measurement, and the capacity to identify and target error-prone areas (locations or program functions) within and across the CNPs at the State and Local Educational Agency (LEA) or Sponsor Organization (SO) levels. The Child Nutrition Technology Innovation Grant (CN TIG) funds will be available on a competitive basis to State agencies administering the CNPs (i.e., National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program). FNS is offering two types of CN TIGs: Planning Grants and Implementation Grants. States may apply for either a Planning Grant or an Implementation Grant, as described within this RFA, but not both under this 2017 RFA solicitation.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/child-nutrition-technology-innovation-grant-cn-tig>

Amount: \$100,000 to \$2 million

Deadline: January 25, 2017

Contact: Carla Garcia, Grant Officer: Carla.garcia@fns.usda.gov

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers funds for meals and snacks for children in low-income areas during after-school and summer hours. Through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, USDA administers Afterschool Snacks, a program that offers reimbursement for snacks to after-school care program providers. For eligibility, the after-school programs must offer educational or enrichment activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment after school, on weekends or holidays during the school year. The organization will be reimbursed at the highest level, currently 55 cents a snack per child per day. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/child-and-adult-care-food-program>.

National website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-contacts>

Texas Office:

Administered by Texas Department of Agriculture
1700 N. Congress Ave., 11th Floor
Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 877-839-6325

Website: <http://www.squaremeals.org>

FARM TO SCHOOL GRANT

The purpose of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program is to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. On an annual basis, USDA awards up to \$5 million in competitive grants for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs.

The Program offers three types of grants: Planning awards range from \$20,000 - \$45,000; implementation and support service awards range from \$65,000 - \$100,000; training awards range from \$15,000 - \$50,000. Matching funds of 25% are required for all four grant types.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program>

Amount: \$15,000 to \$100,000; Total program funding estimated to be \$5 million.

Deadline: December 8, 2016

Contact: farmtoschool@fns.usda.gov

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service Program is a federally-funded, state-administered program that provides free meals to children throughout the summer months when school is not in session. Approved sponsors, including school districts, park agencies, nonprofit organizations, and camps, organize the program and provide the meals to a group of children (18 or under) at a central site(s). Children can receive either one or two reimbursable meals each

day. For more information on the program, go to: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program>.

Contact the state administering agency: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/sfsp-contacts>

Texas Office:

Administered by Texas Department of Agriculture
1700 N. Congress Ave., 11th Floor
Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 877-839-6325

Website: <http://www.squaremeals.org>

Department of Agriculture — National Institute of Food and Agriculture

COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS (CFP) COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

The primary goals of the CFP are to: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and Meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project; Planning for long-term solutions; or The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers. This grant requires 100% matching.

Examples of CFP Projects include, but are not limited to, community gardens with market stands, value chain projects, food hubs, farmers' markets, farm-to-institutions projects, and marketing & consumer cooperatives. All projects must involve low-income participants.

Examples of PPs include, but are not limited to, community food assessments' coordination of collaboration development plan, GIS analysis, food sovereignty study, and farm-to-institution exploration. All projects must involve low-income participants

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-cfp-competitive-grants-program>

Amount: Total program funding: \$8.64 million; Maximum award of \$125,000 for Community Food Projects and \$35,000 for Planning Projects

Deadline: November 30, 2016

Contact: Jana Clary Loveless, National Program Leader,

Email: jclary@nifa.usda.gov

Location: 2322 Waterfront Centre

Phone Number: (202) 720-3891

Fax Number: (202) 401-4888

BEGINNING FARMER AND RANCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (BFRDP)

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program provides grants to organizations for education, mentoring, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers or ranchers. According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service's most recent Ag Census data, the number of young people entering farming continues to decline, but the number of new farmers and ranchers over the age of 35 rises, as does the number of smaller farms and ranches nationwide. Ensuring there will be a "new generation" of beginning farmers and ranchers—regardless of age or production choice—is especially important to the continuation of agricultural production in the United States.

In accordance with the authorizing legislation, priority will be given to partnerships and collaborations led by or including nongovernmental, community-based organizations and school-based agricultural educational organizations with expertise in new agricultural producer training and outreach. At least 5 percent of the funds will support programs and services that address the needs of limited resource beginning farmers or ranchers; socially disadvantaged beginning farmers or ranchers; and farm workers desiring to become farmers or ranchers. At least 5 percent of the funds will support programs and services that address the needs of veteran farmers and ranchers. The term "farmer" is used in the broadest sense and should be interpreted to include traditional agricultural



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farmers, ranchers, and tree farmers. As far as possible, geographical diversity will also be ensured.

A 25% match is required.

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>

Amount: Maximum of \$200,000 for 3-year program; estimated total program funding: \$17.7 million

Deadline: December 8, 2016

Contact: Jill Auburn, National Program Leader, Division of Agricultural Systems

Email: jauburn@nifa.usda.gov

Location: 3430 Waterfront Centre

Phone Number: (202) 720-2635

Fax Number: (202) 401-1782

Department of Agriculture — Natural Resources Conservation Service

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.

Eligible program participants receive financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices, or activities like conservation planning, that address natural resource concerns on their land. Payments are made to participants after conservation practices and activities identified in an EQIP plan of operations are implemented. Contracts can last up to ten years.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=stelpdrb1242633>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/eqip/>

Texas Office:

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101 S Main St.

Temple, TX 76501-7602

Phone: (254) 742-9800

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Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

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Local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office Locations: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local/>

CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS (CIG)

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) are competitive grants that stimulate the development and adoption of innovative approaches and technologies for conservation on agricultural lands. CIG uses Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, American Indian Tribes, or individuals. Producers involved in CIG funded projects must be EQIP eligible.

Through CIG, NRCS partners with public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adopt promising technologies. These new technologies and approaches address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resources concerns. CIG benefits agricultural producers by providing more options for environmental enhancement

and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations.

States can also award project that benefit a limited geographical area. Participating states will announce their funding availability for CIG competitions through their state NRCS offices.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/cig/>

Amount: Total program funding averages \$20 million per year.

Contact:

National Office:

Program Contact: nrcscig@wdc.usda.gov

Phone: (202) 720-1895

Melleny Cotton, CIG Program Analyst

Phone: (202) 720-7412

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.

RCPP combines the authorities of four former conservation programs – the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Program, the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative and the Great Lakes Basin Program. Assistance is delivered in accordance with the rules of EQIP, CSP, ACEP and HFRP; and in certain areas the Watershed Operations and Flood Prevention Program.

Funding for RCPP is allocated to projects in three different categories:

- Critical Conservation Areas receive 35% of the funding. These are projects in eight geographic areas chosen by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- Nationwide and multistate projects receive 40 percent of funding.
- Projects in a single state receive 25 percent of funding.

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AIR QUALITY INITIATIVE

The NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Air Quality Initiative provides financial assistance to implement conservation practices that address air resource issues for designated locations throughout the nation. Agricultural atmospheric related concerns include greenhouse gas emissions, ozone precursors, volatile organic compounds, airborne particulate matter, and some odor-related volatile compounds. For more information about agricultural air quality concerns, see the Air Quality topic.

Deadline: NRCS accepts applications for assistance on continuous basis, but states may establish application periods.

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Local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office Locations: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local/>

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) offers assistance to land owners who are already implementing conservation practices to enhance those practices. For example, if you have been practicing prescribed grazing, CSP would give you options to enhance that practice with activities such as grazing management to improve plants for wildlife, or grazing management to reduce soil compaction, or grazing management to improve riparian function, just to name a few.

With enrollment in CSP, the local NRCS conservation planner will have a one-on-one consultation with the property owner(s) to evaluate your current management system and the natural resources on your land. The NRCS conservation planner will present a variety of CSP enhancement alternatives for implementation on the land, based on existing conservation practices. CSP offers annual incentive payments for installing these enhancement practices.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/csp/>

Award: varies based on implementation of conservation practices

Deadline: Applications are accepted throughout the year. Specific deadlines are set for ranking and funding opportunities. The next application deadline for funding consideration is February 3, 2017.

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CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The purpose of the program is to assist land—users, communities, units of state and local government, and other federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems. The purpose of the conservation systems are to reduce erosion, improve soil and water quality, improve and conserve wetlands, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, improve air quality, improve pasture and range condition, reduce upstream flooding, and improve woodlands. The program is also used as a means to collect, analyze, interpret, display, and disseminate information about the condition and trends of the Nation's soil and other natural resources so that people can make good decisions about resource use and about public policies for resource conservation. Information collected through the program is used to develop effective science-based technologies for natural resource assessment, management, and conservation.

For more information about the Conservation Technical Assistance program go to: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/cta/>

Technical assistance is provided at the state level by State Conservationists. Contact information for each State Conservationists is available at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

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Temple, TX 76501-7602
Phone: (254) 742-9800
Fax: (254) 742-9819
Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

Local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office Locations: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local/>

EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) is designed to help people and conserve natural resources by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural occurrences. EWP is an emergency recovery program. All projects undertaken, with the exception of the purchase of floodplain easements, must have a project sponsor.



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NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the construction cost of emergency measures. The remaining 25 percent must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services. Funding is subject to Congressional approval.

City and county governments, flood and water control districts, and soil and water conservation districts are the most common sponsors of EWP projects. Activities include providing financial and technical assistance to:

- remove debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges,
- reshape and protect eroded banks,
- correct damaged drainage facilities,
- establish cover on critically eroding lands,
- repair levees and structures, and
- repair conservation practices.

NRCS may purchase EWP easements "in lieu of recovery" on any floodplain lands that have been impaired within the last 12 months or that have a history of repeated flooding (i.e., flooded at least two times during the past 10 years). If it is more cost effective, EWP-Floodplain Easement (FPE) can be used as an alternative to EWP. See the comparison of EWP and EWP-FPE.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/ewp/>

Award: state-administered. Texas received over \$21 million in FY2016 to restore conditions from heavy rains and flooding in 2015.

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National Emergency Watershed Protection Program Manager

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Texas contact:

Claude Ross, State Easement Program Manager

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Phone: 254-742-9822

WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS (WFPO) PROGRAM

The Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribes (project sponsors) to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of:

- watershed protection
- flood mitigation
- water quality improvements
- soil erosion reduction
- rural, municipal and industrial water supply
- irrigation
- water management
- sediment control
- fish and wildlife enhancement
- hydropower

Under the Watershed Program NRCS cooperates with States and local agencies to carry out works of improvement for soil conservation and for other purposes including flood prevention; conservation, development, utilization and disposal of water; and conservation and proper utilization of land.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/wfpo/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

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WATERSHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING (WSP)

The purpose of the program is to assist Federal, State, and local agencies and tribal governments to protect watersheds from damage caused by erosion, floodwater, and sediment and to conserve and develop water and land resources. Resource concerns addressed by the program include water quality, opportunities for water conservation, wetland and water storage capacity, agricultural drought problems, rural development, municipal and industrial water needs, upstream flood damages, and water needs for fish, wildlife, and forest-based industries.

Types of surveys and plans include watershed plans, river basin surveys and studies, flood hazard analyses, and flood plain management assistance. The focus of these plans is to identify solutions that use land treatment and nonstructural measures to solve resource problems.

No funding has been authorized since 2008.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/wsp/>
Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Watershed Rehabilitation Program helps project sponsors rehabilitate aging dams that are reaching the end of their 50-year design lives. This rehabilitation addresses critical public health and safety concerns. Since 1948, NRCS has assisted local sponsors in constructing more than 11,900 dams.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/wr/>
Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The RC&D Program was established in the Agriculture Act of 1962, with responsibility for the administration of the program placed within the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Successive Farm Bills have provided for the further development of the program, including deepening the partnership between RC&D Councils and the NRCS.

RC&D Councils are 501(C)3 non-for-profit corporations. They are not governmental entities, so the typical policies and constraints of local, state, and federal government programs do not limit the types of issues they address or the means they use. Within their respective areas (typically covering 5-8 counties), RC&D Councils have a high degree of independence to carry out activities that will achieve their most important goals. RC&D Council volunteers are leaders and community stakeholders involved in multiple roles in local government, school boards, churches, and other civic activities. At RC&D Council meetings, they draw from their professional expertise and community connections to determine the needs of their RC&D Council areas, address those needs, and make their communities better places to live, work, and play. Nationwide, over 25,000 volunteers serve on local RC&D Councils.

Collaborators and financial supporters of the RC&D Council include: Ensave, International Code Council, USDA-National Resource Conservation Service, USDA-Forest Service, US Department of Homeland Security, and US Government Grant.

National Association of RC&D Areas: <http://narcadc.org/rcd-program.html>
Texas Association of RC&D Programs: <http://www.texasrcd.org/>

Department of Agriculture — Rural Development

COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential



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community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Eligible areas include rural cities, villages, townships, or towns with no more than 20,000 residents. Funding types include low-interest loans, grants, or a combination of the two. Grants are awarded on a need-basis, based on community size and median household income. Grant assistance share of total eligible project costs is limited depending on community size and median household income.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/tx>

Contact:

Texas USDA Rural Development State Office
101 South Main Street, Suite 102
Temple, TX 76501
Phone: 254-742-9700
Fax: (844) 496-8123

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS

This program provides funding to help non-profit housing and community development organizations support housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Funds may be used to improve housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Eligible areas include rural cities, villages, townships, or towns with no more than 20,000 residents. Funding types include low-interest loans, grants, or a combination of the two. Grants are awarded on a need-basis, based on community size and median household income. Grant assistance share of total eligible project costs is limited depending on community size and median household income.

100% matching is required.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/tx>

Amount: Minimum grant award is \$50,000; maximum grant award is \$250,000

Deadline: Applications are accepted year round.

Contact:

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101 South Main Street, Suite 102
Temple, TX 76501
Phone: 254-742-9700
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Department of Agriculture — US Forest Service

COMMUNITY FOREST PROGRAM

The Community Forest Program (CFP) protects forests that are important for people and the places they call home. Community forests provide many benefits such as places to recreate and enjoy nature; they protect habitat, water quality and other environmental benefits, and they can provide economic benefits through timber resources. Community Forests have also long been sites for environmental and cultural education.

50% match is required.

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/cooperativeforestry/programs/loa/cfp.shtml>

Amount: Proposed Administration funding for community forest project is \$2 million for fiscal year 2017. Individual grant applications may not exceed \$400,000.

Deadline: January 13, 2017

Contact: http://www.fs.fed.us/cooperativeforestry/library/cfp_regional_contact.pdf

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URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM, COUNCIL & 10-YEAR ACTION PLAN

The Urban and Community Forestry program assists state forestry agencies, local and tribal governments, and private sector entities improve natural resource management of trees and forests in urban areas and community settings. The program encourages and facilitates the active involvement of volunteers in the management and protection of their community's natural resources. The program also analyzes, develops, disseminates, and demonstrates scientific information about protecting, managing, and maintaining community forest resources. States are encouraged to offer competitive grants that involve partnerships with local governments, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector for the purpose of establishing effective community forestry programs. Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf>

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) is a Congressionally designated advisory council to the Secretary of Agriculture on urban forestry and related issues. The 1990 Farm Bill created NUCFAC to bring together the wide variety of voices raised about a common concern: the present health and future preservation of America's urban forests. NUCFAC was founded to synthesize the full spectrum of views into a consistent vision, as a foundation for practical policy on urban forestry and related natural resources.

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf/nucfac>

The Ten Year Urban Forestry Action Plan developed by and for the urban forestry community. The plan's purpose is to expand awareness of the benefits that our urban forests, including green infrastructure, provide to communities throughout the nation, and increase investments in these urban forest resources for the benefit of current and future generations. The plan provides specific goals, actions, and recommendations for improving the status of urban and community forestry for the United States and its territories. The plan also identifies research needs, messaging and communications needs, and innovative funding and collaborative opportunities for urban forestry initiatives. Notably, this plan also serves as a framework for funding and recommendation priorities developed by the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) for the U.S. Forest Service's National Urban and Community Forestry program and National Challenge Cost Share Grants. The urban forestry community, including the Forest Service and other applicable Federal agencies, are to use the Action Plan as a guide to implement and expand urban and community forestry for the next ten years.

Website: <http://urbanforestplan.org/>

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Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration

PLANNING PROGRAM AND LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Through its Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs, EDA assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. The Planning program helps support organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning



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investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs), which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients' respective regions. The Local Technical Assistance program strengthens the capacity of local or State organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible recipients to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility studies and impact analyses.

Website: <https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

Award: up to \$300,000

Deadline: Continuing basis

Contact:

EDA Headquarters
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Suite 71014
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PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

Website: <https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

Award: up to \$300,000

Deadline: Continuing basis

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Department of Health and Human Services — Administration for Children and Families

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services that aims to promote the economic and social well-being of children, families, individuals and communities with leadership and resources for compassionate, effective delivery of human services.

Announcements for funding opportunities can be found at: <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/>

NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR) brings together four of the nation's leading research funders — the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) — to address the problem of childhood obesity in America. These leading national organizations: work in tandem to manage projects and reach common goals; coordinate funding to make the most of available resources; and share insights and expertise to strengthen research. NCCOR focuses on efforts that have the potential to benefit children, teens, and their families, and the communities in which they live.

NCCOR publishes the funding opportunities from the partners to fund a range of project types. Visit the following website for more information on the opportunities: <http://nccor.org/news/funding-opportunities/>

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) made available \$5.2 billion to States, Territories, and Tribes in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. CCDF is authorized by the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and Section 418 of the Social Security Act. CCDF assists low-income families in obtaining child care so they can work or attend training/education. The program also improves the quality of child care, and promotes coordination among early childhood development and afterschool programs.

Initiatives of the CCDF include:

- Strengthening Family Child Care, a special initiative to strengthen family child care (FCC). The purpose of this initiative is to promote pathways and progressions to build the supply and stability of high quality FCC providers.
- Early Learning Initiative, which includes projects and grants that bring child care and early learning partners together at federal, state, and local levels for greater collaboration and more effective services throughout the country.
- Let's Move! Child Care promotes children's health by encouraging and supporting physical activity and healthier nutrition practices in early care and education settings.
- Emergency Preparedness, which addresses emergency preparation and response as it relates to the children in the event of a major disaster or emergency.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/child-care-and-development-fund>

Contact:

CCDF Grantee State and Territory Contacts

Texas Workforce Policy and Program Assistance
Workforce Development Division
Texas Workforce Commission
Room 440-T
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Website: <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/childcare/ccinfo.html>

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HEAD START PROGRAM

The Office of Head Start (OHS) promotes the school readiness of young children from low-income families through local programs. Head Start and Early Head Start programs support the mental, social, and emotional development of children from birth to age 5.

Head Start grants are awarded directly to public or private non-profit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies within a community that wish to compete for funds. The same categories of organizations are eligible to apply for Early Head Start, except that applicants need not be from the community they will be serving. Funding opportunities: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/funding>

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs>

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Website: <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/thssco>

CCDF Grantee State and Territory Contacts

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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

The Office of Community Services (OCS) partners with states, communities and agencies to reduce the causes of poverty, increase opportunity and economic security of individuals and families and revitalize communities. The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/csbg>

Administered in Texas by: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs: www.tdhca.state.tx.us

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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Community Economic Development (CED) is a federal grant program funding Community Development Corporations that address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of sustainable business development and employment opportunities.

CED awards funds to private, non-profit organizations that are community development corporations (CDCs), including faith-based organizations, and Tribal and Alaskan Native organizations. CDCs must be governed by a three-party board of directors that includes residents of the community served, and local business and civic leaders. CDCs must have as their principle purpose planning, developing or managing low-income housing or community development projects.

CED programs also provide technical and financial assistance for economic development activities.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/ced>

Contact:

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SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS

Social Services Block Grants (SSBG) enables each state or territory to meet the needs of its residents through locally relevant social services. SSBGs support programs that allow communities to achieve or maintain economic self-sufficiency to prevent, reduce or eliminate dependency on social services. Each state administers the program locally, determining which services to provide and who is eligible to receive these services.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/ssbg>

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Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The activities of the Community Planning and Development Program build stronger and more resilient communities through an ongoing process of identifying and addressing needs, assets, and priority investments. Community development activities may support infrastructure, economic development projects, installation of public facilities, community centers, housing rehabilitation, public services, clearance/acquisition, microenterprise assistance, code enforcement, homeowner assistance and many other identified needs. Federal support for community development encourages systematic and sustained action by State, and local governments. The Office of Block Grant Assistance administers funds, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), allocated to State and local governments to address locally identified community development needs through the following programs (only showing those applicable in Texas):

- CDBG Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.
- CDBG State Program allows States to award grants to smaller units of general local government that develop and preserve decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create and retain jobs.
- CDBG Program Colonias Set-Aside requires the border states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas to set aside a percentage of their annual State CDBG allocations for use in the Colonia to help meet the needs of the Colonias residents in relationship to the need for potable water, adequate sewer systems, or decent, safe and sanitary housing.
- Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program is the loan guarantee provision of the CDBG Program and provides communities with a source of financing for economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects.
- CDBG Disaster Recovery Program provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations.
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides grants to communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment to purchase and redevelop foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties.
- Brownfields Economic Development Initiative provides grants to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by real or potential environmental contamination.

Each fiscal year (FY), HUD publishes a General Section that contains requirements for all of HUD's competitive grant programs. To be considered for funding, applications must meet all applicable requirements of the General Section and the requirements in the Program NOFA.

Website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa2017/gensec

To identify funding opportunities through HUD, visit the following website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Award: Varies

Deadline: Varies

Contact:

HOPE VI REVITALIZATION GRANTS

The specific elements of public housing transformation that have proven key to HOPE VI include: Changing the physical shape of public housing; establishing positive incentives for resident self-sufficiency and comprehensive services that empower residents; lessening concentrations of poverty by placing public housing in non-poverty neighborhoods and promoting mixed-income communities; and forging partnerships with other agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private businesses to leverage support and resources. Only public housing authorities are eligible to apply for these funds, but park and recreation agencies can contract to develop recreation facilities at public housing sites and to provide community and supportive service programs for residents, including those relocated as a result of revitalization efforts. For more information, go to: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hope6

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM

The HBCU Program helps HBCUs expand their role and effectiveness in helping their communities with neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development. HUD views HBCUs as key partners in rebuilding America's neighborhoods, and annually invites HBCUs to compete for funds to assist in revitalization efforts. This program awards grants to historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to address community development needs in their localities.

Website: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/programdescription/hbcu>

To identify funding opportunities through HUD, visit the following website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Award: Closed

Deadline: Closed

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Department of the Interior — Fish and Wildlife Service

AQUATIC RESOURCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Aquatic Resource Education Program helps people understand, enjoy and conserve the aquatic natural resources of the nation. States have the option of using up to 15 percent of their annual Sport Fish Restoration apportionment for aquatic resource education programs and outreach and communications projects. The Sport Fish Restoration Program, created in 1950, provides funding for fish management, conservation, restoration, aquatic education, and boating access. The program is funded by a 10 percent Federal excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, lures, flies and artificial baits and a 3 percent tax on electronic fishing motors and sonar fish finders; duties on imported fishing tackle, pleasure boats and yachts; and a portion of the Federal fuel tax receipts from motorboats and small gasoline engines. The funds are apportioned annually to the states and territories by the Department of the Interior on the basis of formulas set forth in the Act. Apportionments are determined for each state by land area and number of fishing license owners. All funds are disseminated through State Fish and Wildlife Departments.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/grantprograms/AquaticEd/AE.htm>

Contact: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/ContactUs/ContactUs.htm>

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BOATING ACCESS PROGRAM

The Boating Access (BA) Program provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for projects that provide access to America's waterways by developing new access facilities or renovation and/or improvement of existing facilities.

Today more than 16.8 million boats use U.S. waterways. A large percentage of these are operated by anglers and recreational boaters.

The Boating Access Program is part of the Sport Fish Restoration Program. Spending for the BA is authorized in the Sport Fish Restoration Act.

The Sport Fish Restoration Act mandates each state, the District of Columbia and insular area to allocate at least 15 percent of their annual Sport Fish Restoration apportionment to boating access projects. The allocation is averaged over a five year period for each U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service region.

The funds apportioned annually are derived from excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest collected in the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. These funds are apportioned to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas based on a formula which includes land area, number of paid license holders, minimums and maximums.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/BoatAccess/BA.htm>

Contact: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/ContactUs/ContactUs.htm>

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BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG) provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the program. The BIG Program includes two funding tiers, Tier One (non-competitive) and Tier Two (nationally competitive). Under Tier One each state, the D.C. and insular area may receive funding for eligible projects up to \$200,000 annually. Tier Two funds are made available through a nationally competitive process. Tier Two proposals received are reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a national panel with the final decision for funding made by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The ranking criteria, eligible projects and regulations are listed in 50 CFR 86.

Funds for the BIG Program are provided annually from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The amount provided is 4% of the funds (split between the BIG and CVA programs) in the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund after deducting amounts for WSFR administration, the Multistate Conservation Grant Program, the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council and fisheries commissions.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/BIG/BIG.htm>
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CLEAN VESSEL ACT GRANT PROGRAM

The Clean Vessel Act Grant Program (CVA) provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pump-out stations and waste reception facilities for recreational boaters and also for educational programs that inform boaters of the importance of proper disposal of their sewage.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/CVA/CVA.htm>
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COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) provides federal grant funds derived from federal offshore lease revenues to oil producing states for conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas including wetlands; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with these objectives; implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan; and mitigation of the impact of outer Continental Shelf activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

Statewide CIAP plans that include proposed projects have been prepared by the affected states: Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The federally approved CIAP plans have also been coordinated through a public review process.



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Federal grant funds must be used to directly benefit an authorized use to conserve, restore, enhance, and protect renewable natural resources. Non-federal matching funds are not required for approved grant projects associated with this federal grant program.

National website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/CIAP/CIAP.htm>

State website: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/grant-projects/ciap/index.html>

Contact: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/ContactUs/ContactUs.htm>

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HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Hunter Education Program provides grant funds to the states and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for projects to provide instruction in firearm operations and safety, wildlife management, nature conservation, ethics, game laws, outdoor survival and wilderness first aid. Funds may also be used for the development and operations of archery and shooting range facilities.

The goal is to teach students to be safe, responsible, conservation-minded hunters. Most States require completion of a hunter education course prior to purchasing a hunting license.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/HunterEd/HE.htm>

Contact: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/grant-projects/ciap/index.html>

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LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NON-TRIBAL PORTION) - OVERVIEW

The Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) provides federal grant funds to grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas to protect and restore habitats on private lands, to benefit Federally listed, proposed or candidate species or other species determined to be at-risk.

Grant funds must be used to establish or supplement State landowner incentive programs to benefit species identified in the State's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (State Wildlife Action Plan) or classified as Special Concern by the State, or Federally listed, proposed, or candidate species or other species determined to be at-risk. These grant funds may also be used to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration. More info...

The LIP Program includes two funding tiers, Tier One (non-competitive) and Tier Two (nationally competitive). Under Tier One each state may receive funding for eligible projects up to \$200,000 annually and the District of Columbia and insular areas up to \$75,000 annually. If there is adequate funding in the appropriation, WSFR will rank Tier Two grants and award grants through a national competition. The competition will be announced separately.

Website: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/federal_assistance/ri.html#contactfedaid

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MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM - OVERVIEW

The MSCGP provides funding for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA). These high priority projects address problems affecting states on a regional or national basis. Project types that are generally selected for funding are: biological research/training, species population status, outreach, data collection regarding hunter/angler participation, hunter/aquatic education, economic value of fishing/hunting, and regional or multistate habitat needs assessments.

The AFWA and the Division of Wildlife Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) work together to manage the MSCGP. The AFWA administers the grant application process, providing oversight, coordination, and guidance for the MSCGP while the WSFR awards and manages the grants.

Website: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/federal_assistance/ri.html#contactfedaid

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NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS GRANT PROGRAM

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants Program is authorized by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to grant funds to coastal states to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects. Participants in the program include state, county, and municipal governments as well as non-government partners.

Funds for the Coastal Wetlands Grant Program are provided annually from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) receives 18.5 percent of the funds in the Trust Fund after deducting amounts for WSFR administration, the Multistate Conservation Grant Program, the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council and fisheries commissions.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/CW/CW.htm>

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SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM

The Act, approved by Congress on August 9, 1950, provides funding for fish management, conservation, and restoration. The program is funded by a 10 percent Federal excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, lures, flies and artificial baits and a 3 percent tax on electronic fishing motors and sonar fish finders. The funds are apportioned annually to the states and territories (except Puerto Rico) by the Department of the interior on the basis of formulas set forth in the Act. Apportionments are determined for each state by land area and number of fishing license owners. All funds are disseminated through State Fish and Wildlife Departments.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/SFR/SFR.htm>

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STATE WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM

The State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program provides Federal grant funds to State fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished.



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Grant funds may be used to address a variety of conservation needs--such as research, fish and wildlife surveys, species restoration, habitat management, and monitoring—that are identified within a State’s Wildlife Action Plan. These funds may also be used to update, revise, or modify a State’s Plan.

Congress appropriates funds for the State Wildlife Grant Program on an annual basis. Funds are apportioned to States, commonwealths, and U.S. territories based on a formula that considers each State’s population and total geographical area.

Grant funds are disbursed to States for approved grants at a maximum federal share of 75% for planning grants and 65% for Plan implementation grants. Congress also allocates a portion of appropriated funds to a competitive SWG subprogram. State Wildlife Grant funds administered by the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program provide a unique source of funding, helping States to focus on targeted species in a proactive fashion, to help identify and reverse species population declines before restoration becomes more difficult and costly.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/SWG/SWG.htm>

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WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROGRAM

Approved by Congress on September 2, 1937, the Act provides funding for the selection, restoration, rehabilitation and improvement of wildlife habitat, wildlife management research and the distribution of information produced by the projects. Congress amended the Act on October 23, 1970, to include funding for hunter training programs and the development, operation and maintenance of public target ranges. Funds are derived from an 11 percent Federal excise tax on handguns. Funds are also collected from a 12.4 percent tax on archery equipment. A certain amount of funds (section 4) must be used on hunter education before additional funds {section 10) can be attained. The section 10 funds can be used for additional hunter education programs or for wildlife restoration. These funds are apportioned each year to the states and territories (except Puerto Rico) by the Department of the Interior on the basis of formulas set forth in the Act. Apportionments are determined for each state by land area and number of hunting license owners.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WR.htm>

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Department of the Interior — National Park Service

CHALLENGE COST SHARE PROGRAM

The Challenge Cost Share Program supports local projects that promote conservation and recreation, environmental stewardship, education, and engaging youth in the outdoors. Local project partners work with National Park Service (NPS) staff to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. Applications are submitted by NPS staff in collaboration with project partners. This partnership challenge rewards those proposals that highlight long lasting benefits while developing new partnerships.

The program requires equal matching share. Cash, goods, or services from non-federal sources can be considered as a cost share. The maximum Challenge Cost Share project support is \$25,000. If selected our national partner, Outdoor Foundation, forms an agreement and provides project funds directly to the local partner. Applications are submitted by NPS staff in collaboration with project partners.

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/ccsp/>

Award: up to \$25,000 (FY2017)

Deadline: July 1, 2016 (FY2017)

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FEDERAL LANDS TO PARKS

The Federal Lands-to-Parks (FLP) enables states and local governments to establish park and recreation areas and adapt historic buildings for public uses. Through FLP, state and local agencies may acquire land and facilities once used for federal purposes at no cost to meet park and recreation needs.

Amount: N/A. Program based on existing inventory of federal lands and transferring it to state or local governments for park and recreation use.

Annual Deadline: As land becomes available, 25 days from the “notice of availability”

Information about the program is available at: <https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/flp/index.htm>

Contacts: https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/flp/flp_contact.html

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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund was enacted in 1964 (Public Law 88-578) to “create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities.” LWCF provides funding for: (1) land acquisition for federal land managing agencies; and (2) matching grants to state and local governments for planning (states only), acquisition and development of park and recreation areas and resource based facilities. Specifics for federal



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land acquisition projects are determined each fiscal year by Congress and the Administration. Of the amounts appropriated in any given fiscal year for each State and Territory is determined based on a formula set in the LWCF Act, and is subsequently approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The grantee assumes all operation and maintenance costs in perpetuity. In Texas, the LWCF allocation funds a number of grant programs available to local communities, including

Amount: In 2016, Texas was allocated a total of \$5,415,887. All state and local grants require at least a 50 percent match by the non-federal partner.

Annual Deadline: Varies depending on state grant program.

Information about the program is available at: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/stateside.htm>

Contacts: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/contact-list.htm>

RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

The RTCA program offers local groups staff assistance and consultations for locally-led conservation projects. Projects may include developing trails and greenways or protecting rivers and open space. Regional RTCA offices provide application information and assistance.

Amount: Funding or grants not offered.

Annual Deadline: June 30

Information about the program is available at: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>

Contact: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/contactus.htm>

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URBAN PARKS & RECREATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program was authorized in November 1978 by Public Law 95625,

providing direct federal matching assistance to cities and urban counties for rehabilitation of existing recreation facilities. The law encourages systematic local planning and commitment to continuing operation and maintenance of recreation programs, sites, and facilities. Project proposals are submitted to the appropriate National Park Service Regional Office by eligible local units of government (selected cities and urban counties). Grants are awarded on a nationally competitive basis with regional offices having the primary responsibility for monitoring progress and post-completion requirements.

Amount: Currently unfunded.

Information about the program: <https://www.nps.gov/uparr/>

Contact: <https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/uprr/contact.html>

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Website: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1600/index.htm>

Midwest Region:

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Department of Transportation

TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated nearly \$4.6 billion for seven rounds of TIGER to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area. The eligibility requirements of TIGER allow project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs.

Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/tiger>

Deadline: 2016 grant deadlines have passed.

Contact:

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Office of the Secretary of Transportation
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Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) was signed into law in December 2015, authorizing \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs. Funds are apportioned to states to administer programs or further allocate funds.

ACCELERATED INNOVATION DEPLOYMENT (AID) DEMONSTRATION GRANT

The AID Demonstration program is one initiative under the multi-faceted Technology and Innovation Deployment Program (TIDP) approach providing funding and other resources to offset the risk of trying an innovation. The AID



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Demonstration program provides funding as an incentive for eligible entities to accelerate the implementation and adoption of innovation in highway transportation. The FAST Act authorized funding for the continuation of these programs and opportunities. Entities eligible to apply (Applicants) are State DOTs, Federal Land Management Agencies, and tribal governments. Metropolitan planning organizations and local governments may apply through the State DOT as a sub-recipient.

Website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/grants>

Amount: \$50,000 to \$1 million; Estimated Total Program Funding: \$50 million

Deadline: Sep 30, 2020; Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

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CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement program (CMAQ) is to realign the focus of transportation planning toward a more inclusive, environmentally sensitive, and multi-modal approach. The CMAQ program provides funding for programs and projects in air quality non-attainment and maintenance for ozone, carbon monoxide (CO), and small particulate matter (PM-10), which reduces transportation related emissions. Grants are provided through a reimbursement process that varies state by state. Funds may be used for either the construction of bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways, or non-construction projects (such as maps, brochures, and public service announcements) related to safe bicycle use. In general, however, a sponsor would submit expenses to the state department of transportation, which would then reimburse at 80 percent of the project cost. The CMAQ Program was reauthorized for 2016 through 2020 through the FAST Act.

Amount: FAST Act provides for \$2.3 M to \$2.5 M in CMAQ funding each year from 2016 through 2020. It is estimated the State of Texas will receive an average of \$853 million in CMAQ funds annually.

Applications and information about CMAQ grants are available at: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

The Recreational Trails Program, was reauthorized by the FAST Act, provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail users. Eligible project categories as defined in the act are: maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment; construction of new recreational trails (with restrictions on new trails on Federal land); acquisition of easements or property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors; state administrative costs related to program administration (up to 7 percent of a state's funds); and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as these objectives relate to the use of recreational trails (up to 5 percent of a state's funds). Each state has its own procedures and timelines to solicit, select, and fund Recreational Trails projects.

In Texas, the Recreational Trails program is administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Amount: \$200,000 Requires 80/20 match

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Program website: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/

Website: <http://www.americantrails.org/ee/index.php/nationalrecreationtrails>

Texas website: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants>

Contact: For more information about project funding contact your State Trail Administrator. For a list of administrators go to: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/rtpstate.cfm

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program is a Federal-Aid program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Program was created by Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act (SAFETEA-LU). The SRTS Program was funded at \$1.162 billion for Federal fiscal years (FY) 2005-2012 and is administered by State Departments of Transportation (DOTs).

The SRTS Program received dedicated funding through 2012. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) authorized the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which replaced the funding from pre-MAP-21 programs including the Transportation Enhancement Activities, Recreational Trails Program, and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). MAP-21 did not provide specific funding for SRTS, but SRTS projects are eligible for TAP funds and for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. Under Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), the TAP program was rolled into the Surface Transportation Program.

Safe Routes to School initiatives may be eligible under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program or Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside.

Website: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/safe_routes_to_school/

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The FAST Act converted the Surface Transportation Program to a block grant program that folds in the Transportation Alternative Program. The program provides funding to states and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.

Amount: The FAST Act provides for an estimated average of \$4.796 million allocated to Texas for the STBG Program funding each year from 2016 through 2020

Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/stbgfs.cfm>

Contact: <https://www.transportation.gov/fastact/>



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Texas Office: Administered by TXDOT

Online form: <http://www.txdot.gov/contact-us/form.html>

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES, STBG SET-ASIDE

The FAST Act amended the Surface Transportation Program to include a set aside for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, which is replacing the MAP-21 Transportation Alternative Program. Similar to its predecessors, the Transportation Alternative Program and Transportation Enhancement Activities, the STBG Program, or TA Set-Aside, authorizes funding for The TA Set-Aside authorizes funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trail projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.

Amount: In Texas, The FAST Act provides for an estimated average of \$386 million set-aside from the STBG Program funding each year from 2016 through 2020

Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/transportationalternativesfs.cfm>

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Department of Transportation – Coast Guard

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY

The RBS grant program provides funding to assist states with program administration, law enforcement and search and rescue capability, boater education, vessel numbering and titling systems, aids to navigation, and public boating access sites. Allowable uses of the RBS Program funds include a wide spectrum of activities that fall into six broad categories – program administration, law enforcement and search and rescue capability, boater education, vessel numbering and titling systems, aids to navigation, and public boating access sites. States with approved boating safety programs that meet the participation requirements are eligible.

Information about the program is available at: <http://www.uscgboating.org/grants/index.php>

Amount: In 2016, Texas received approximately \$3.8 million in state grant funding

Contact: <http://www.uscgboating.org/php-contact-form/contactC.php>

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Environmental Protection Agency

Every year, EPA awards over \$4 billion in funding for grants and other assistance agreements. From small non-profit organizations to large state governments, EPA works to help many visionary organizations achieve their environmental goals. With countless success stories over the years, EPA grants remain a chief tool in the advancement of human health and the environment.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs>

AIR GRANTS & FUNDING

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to air quality, transportation, climate change, indoor air and other related topics.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding>

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BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANTS

Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. Under Brownfields Assessment Grants, EPA is seeking proposals for Assessment Grants only, to provide funds to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning (including cleanup planning) and community involvement related to brownfield sites.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy17-guidelines-brownfields-assessment-grants>

Award: varies \$200,000 to \$600,000, cost sharing not required, but encouraged

Deadline: December 20, 2016

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BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANTS

EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. Under the Brownfields Cleanup Grants, EPA is seeking proposals for Cleanup Grants only to provide funds to carry out cleanup activities at a specific brownfield site owned by the applicant.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy17-guidelines-brownfields-cleanup-grants>

Award: varies \$200,000; 20% cost share required.

Deadline: December 20, 2016

Contact:

National Office:

Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Grants and Debarment
Mail Code: 3901
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue,
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460
Email: GAD_OGDWEB@epa.gov
Phone: (202) 564-5315

Region 6 Office:

Environmental Protection
Fountain Place 12th Floor, Suite 1200
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
Phone: (214) 665-2200 or (800) 887-6063

BROWNFIELDS AREA-WIDE PLANNING GRANT

EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. Under the Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant, the EPA solicits proposals from eligible entities to conduct research and/or technical assistance activities that culminate in an area-wide plan for brownfields assessment, cleanup and subsequent reuse. Grant-funded activities must be directed to one or more catalyst, high priority brownfield site(s) located within a specific project area, such as a neighborhood, downtown, business or arts district, a local commercial or industrial corridor, a community waterfront, one or more city blocks, etc. Each recipient that receives a grant under this funding opportunity must develop an area-wide plan for the brownfield(s) within the project area, and include in that plan specific implementation strategies for assessing, cleaning up and reusing the brownfield(s) and related project area revitalization strategies.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy2017-brownfields-area-wide-planning-grant>

Award: varies \$200,000; cost sharing not required, but encouraged.

Deadline: FY2017 grant deadline has passed.

Contact:

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

The EPA Environmental grant program supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed and responsible decisions that affect environmental quality. The program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Each year, EPA's Office of Environmental Education releases a solicitation notice in the Federal Register that provides instructions for obtaining a grant. Educational agencies at the state, local and tribal level, state environmental agencies, college and universities, not-for-profit organizations, and noncommercial educational broadcasting entities are eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Although government agencies cannot apply directly, they are encouraged to work with other entities on developing and implementing environmental education programs.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

Award: closed

Deadline: closed

Contact:

National Office:

Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Grants and Debarment
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N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460
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Region 6 Office:

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANTS

With these grants, the EPA aims to provide financial assistance to grassroots community—based groups to support projects to design, demonstrate or disseminate practices, methods or techniques related to environmental justice. Specifically, EPA will grant funding assistance to be used for: environmental justice education and awareness programs; environmental Justice Programs (for example, river monitoring and pollution prevention programs); technical assistance in gathering and interpreting existing environmental justice data; and technical assistance to access available public information. Community-based grassroots organizations, other incorporated nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Tribal Governments are eligible. Applications are usually due at the beginning of March each year. Awardees are notified in August of each year.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>

Award: closed

Deadline: closed



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MULTIPURPOSE GRANTS TO STATES AND TRIBES

For states and territories, this funding is available to support implementation of air and state-led climate activities and other state-defined high priority activities. Funding is also available to tribes that have obtained authorization to develop water quality standards.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/multipurpose-grants-states-and-tribes>

Award: closed

Deadline: closed

Contact:

National Office:

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG) PROGRAM

This EPA program seeks to provide financial assistance to States, Local agencies, and Indian Tribes for chemical accident prevention activities that relate to the Risk Management Program under the Clean Air Act Section 112(r). Additionally, through this program the EPA provides financial assistance to Tribes for chemical emergency planning, and community right-to-know programs, which are established to prevent or eliminate unreasonable risk to the health and environment of communities within the State. Eligible applicants include States, Local agencies in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, US. Virgin Island, Northern Mariana Islands, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. Recipients must match 25 percent of the grant funds (including in-kind services).

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program>

Award: up to \$50,000, 20% match required

Deadline: closed

Contact: Region 6 Office:
Janetta Coats, Regional TAG Coordinator
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
Phone: (214) 665-7308
Email: coats.janetta@epa.gov

STATE FUNDING SOURCES

Texas Parks and Wildlife

BOAT SEWAGE PUMPOUT GRANTS

Federal funds through the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 allow private marinas and local governments to receive grants to install boat sewage pumpout stations in Texas. Pumpout Grants can constitute up to 75% of all approved project costs. These grants provide funds for the construction and/or renovation, operation and maintenance of pumpout and portable toilet dump stations.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boat-sewage-pumpout>

Award: Competitive

Deadline: Continuous

Contact:

Trey Cooksey, State Parks Trails Coordinator
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept
4200 Smith School Road
Austin TX 78744-3291
Phone: 512-389-8743
Fax: 512-389-8242
Email: trey.cooksey@tpwd.state.tx.us

BOATING ACCESS GRANT

The Boating Access Grant Program provides 75% matching fund grant assistance to construct new, or renovate existing, public boat ramps that provide public access to public waters for recreational boating. The State Boating Access Program receives funding from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act. Funds for the federal program are derived from the federal gasoline tax generated by sales of gasoline for recreational motorboats and a federal excise tax on the sales of fishing tackle and trolling motors. Fifteen percent of the state's annual apportionment from this federal program must be used to provide public recreational boating access.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boating-access>

Award: \$500,000

Deadline: October 1, 2016

Contact:

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COMMUNITY OUTDOOR OUTREACH PROGRAM (CO-OP) GRANT

The Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant provides funding to local governments and non-profit organizations for programming that introduces under-served populations to environmental and conservation programs as well as TPWD mission oriented outdoor activities.



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Grants are available to tax-exempt organizations and local governments introducing non-traditional constituents to TPWD related outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental education programs. The success of this program lies in the partnerships created between TPWD and grass-roots organizations who have already established a relationship with these identified targeted audiences; females, physically/mentally challenged, ethnic minorities, low income and youth.

CO-OP provides grants to tax-exempt organizations ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. This is a reimbursement grant program. Recipients must purchase eligible items and submit proper documentation before being reimbursed. Eligible organizations can apply to use these funds for programming expenses such as equipment, leasing transportation, staff, liability insurance, food, program materials, etc.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/community-outdoor-outreach-program-co-op-grants>

Award: \$50,000

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Contact:

Cappy Smith, Program Manager

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Email: cappy.smith@tpwd.texas.gov

LOCAL PARKS GRANT

The Local Park Grant Program consists of 5 individual programs that assist local units of government with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas. The Program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants. All grant assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public.

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Eligible applicants include political subdivisions of the State of Texas legally responsible for providing public recreation services to their citizens. This includes cities, counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts, and other special districts.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants>

Award: Varies

Deadline: October 1, 2016

Contact:

Dana Lagarde, Program Manager

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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

TPWD administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. The grants can be up to 80% of project cost with a maximum of \$200,000 for non-motorized trail grants and currently there is not a maximum amount for motorized trail grants (call 512-538-4427 for motorized trail grant funding availability). Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants>

Award: \$200,000

Deadline: February 1, 2017

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Texas Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Division

SPECIAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

The Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Division administers 12 federal child and special nutrition programs for the State of Texas. TDA supports providers of nutrition assistance by helping ensure accountability and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars to nourish Texans in need. These nutrition programs exemplify "eating right" for Texans of every age and background and help them build a bridge to success. Everyone plays a role in teaching children the 3E's of Healthy Living - Education, Exercise and Eating Right.

Financial grants from organizations may help advance nutrition efforts in our schools and communities. On this page you will find descriptions of specific grants with upcoming deadlines, as well as a list of organizations that make grants on an ongoing basis to support local nutrition, fitness, health, education, and community initiatives.

Program Website: <http://www.squaremeals.org/Programs.aspx>

Grant opportunities: <http://www.squaremeals.org/FandNResources/FundingGrants.aspx>

Contact:

Texas Department of Agriculture
Mail: P.O. Box 12847
Austin, Texas 78711-2847
Physical: 1700 North Congress Avenue, 10th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701
Phone: (877) TEX MEAL (839-6325)
Fax: (888) 203-6593
Email: squaremeals@texasagriculture.gov

Texas Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS (CIG)

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) are competitive grants that stimulate the development and adoption of innovative approaches and technologies for conservation on agricultural lands. CIG uses Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, American Indian Tribes, or individuals. Producers involved in CIG funded projects must be EQIP eligible.

Through CIG, NRCS partners with public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adopt promising technologies. These new technologies and approaches address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resources concerns. CIG benefits agricultural producers by providing more options for environmental enhancement and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations.

States can also award project that benefit a limited geographical area. Participating states will announce their funding availability for CIG competitions through their state NRCS offices.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/cig/>

Amount: Total program funding averages \$20 million per year.



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CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) offers assistance to land owners who are already implementing conservation practices to enhance those practices. For example, if you have been practicing prescribed grazing, CSP would give you options to enhance that practice with activities such as grazing management to improve plants for wildlife, or grazing management to reduce soil compaction, or grazing management to improve riparian function, just to name a few.

With enrollment in CSP, the local NRCS conservation planner will have a one-on-one consultation with the property owner(s) to evaluate your current management system and the natural resources on your land. The NRCS conservation planner will present a variety of CSP enhancement alternatives for implementation on the land, based on existing conservation practices. CSP offers annual incentive payments for installing these enhancement practices.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/csp/>

Award: varies based on implementation of conservation practices

Deadline: Applications are accepted throughout the year. Specific deadlines are set for ranking and funding opportunities. The next application deadline for funding consideration is February 3, 2017.

Texas Office:

Texas State Office

101 S Main St.

Temple, TX 76501-7602

Phone: (254) 742-9800

Fax: (254) 742-9819

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

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Local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office Locations: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local/>

EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) is designed to help people and conserve natural resources by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural occurrences. EWP is an emergency recovery program. All projects undertaken, with the exception of the purchase of floodplain easements, must have a project sponsor.

NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the construction cost of emergency measures. The remaining 25 percent must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services. Funding is subject to Congressional approval.

City and county governments, flood and water control districts, and soil and water conservation districts are the most common sponsors of EWP projects. Activities include providing financial and technical assistance to:

- remove debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges,
- reshape and protect eroded banks,
- correct damaged drainage facilities,
- establish cover on critically eroding lands,
- repair levees and structures, and

- repair conservation practices.

NRCS may purchase EWP easements “in lieu of recovery” on any floodplain lands that have been impaired within the last 12 months or that have a history of repeated flooding (i.e., flooded at least two times during the past 10 years). If it is more cost effective, EWP-Floodplain Easement (FPE) can be used as an alternative to EWP. See the comparison of EWP and EWP-FPE.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/ewp/>

Award: state-administered. Texas received over \$21 million in FY2016 to restore conditions from heavy rains and flooding in 2015.

Contact:

National office:

National Emergency Watershed Protection Program Manager

Phone: 202-690-0793

Texas office:

Claude Ross, State Easement Program Manager

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Phone: 254-742-9822

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.

Eligible program participants receive financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices, or activities like conservation planning, that address natural resource concerns on their land. Payments are made to participants after conservation practices and activities identified in an EQIP plan of operations are implemented. Contracts can last up to ten years.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/eqip/>

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PRIVATE FUNDING SOURCES

ADVOCACY ADVANCE, RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

Advocacy Advance is a dynamic partnership of the Alliance for Biking & Walking and the League of American Bicyclists to boost local and state bicycle and pedestrian advocacy efforts. With support from SRAM Cycling Fund,



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the Every Body Walk Collaborative, REI, and New Belgium Brewing, Advocacy Advance provides targeted trainings, reports, grants and assistance to equip advocates with the specific tools they need to increase biking and walking in their communities.

Rapid Response Grants help state and local organizations take advantage of unexpected opportunities to win, increase, or preserve funding for biking and walking. Applications are not currently being accepted for Rapid Response Grants.

BIG Idea Grants are available to organizations that are pushing forward on some of the most important areas of bicycling and walking advocacy in the areas of equity; safety / Vision Zero; health / walking; and innovative local or state funding campaigns. "Big Idea" Grants are intended to help with unforeseen opportunities, short-term campaigns or to push campaigns into the end zone to win funding for biking and walking infrastructure and programs.

Website: <http://www.advocacyadvance.org/grants>

***Note:** Web and social media activity has been silent since 2014/2015.

AEGON TRANSAMERICA FOUNDATION

Aegon Transamerica Foundation grant dollars go to non-profit organizations in the following categories:

- **Arts & Culture:** Programs that foster creativity in the areas of music and the performing arts, including venues for artistic expression.
- **Civic & Community:** Programs that strive to promote community development, encourage civic leadership, and enhance work and business opportunities.
- **Education & Literacy:** Programs with a mission to provide knowledge and to expand individuals' capabilities, especially in the areas of financial literacy.
- **Health & Welfare:** Programs committed to improving the condition of the human body through nutrition, housing for the homeless, disease prevention and more.
- **United Way:** In addition to leading an annual campaign, employees' contributions are matched by at least 50%.

Grant requests are considered if they relate to the Aegon Transamerica Foundation's key focus areas and mission, and are designated for a community where there is a significant company and employee presence. In Texas, Transamerica is located in Plano, Texas.

Website: <https://www.transamerica.com/individual/about-us/who-we-are/aegon-transamerica-foundation/>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Applications for Foundation grants are reviewed upon receipt by local committee representatives. The timing of responses will vary by location.

Contact:

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AETNA FOUNDATION, GOLOCAL: CULTIVATING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to improving health in local communities and large populations alike. How do we make it happen? Through community-based programs, dynamic partnerships and proven models that can help people accelerate progress everywhere. Through its GoLocal: Cultivating Healthier Communities program, Aetna Foundation supports local non-profit groups that advance healthy eating and active living in their communities.

Website: <https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/grants.html>

Timeframe: In 2016, grant RFPs closed on April 15, 2016. Information for the 2017 cycle is not available.

ALLEN FOUNDATION

Grants are limited under the terms of the foundation's charter to projects that primarily benefit programs for human nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research. Preferences are given to proposals that train children and young adults to improve their health and development so they can form good nutritional habits at an early age. Proposals will need to contain a nutritional focus.

Website: <https://www.allenfoundation.org/commoninfo/aboutus.asp>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Rolling. Deadline is December 31st. Applications received after this date will be considered for the following year.

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION

The Allstate Foundation supports organizations dedicated to addressing two issues: Domestic Violence and Youth Empowerment. Applications for grants are by invitation only.

Website: https://www.allstatefoundation.org/foundation_overview.html

Contact: grants@allstate.com

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY, SHADE STRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

The AAD Shade Structure Grant Program awards grants of up to \$8,000 to public schools and non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools or recreation spaces. In addition to the grant, the AAD also provides a permanent sign for display near the shade structure.

Website: <https://www.aad.org/ssp/>

Award: Up to \$8,000

Timeframe: The application process runs from September through November, with winners announced in February. The 2016 deadline is November 28, 2016.

Contact: ShadeStructure@aad.org

BANK OF AMERICA FOUNDATION

Bank of America Foundation helps improve communities by addressing issues fundamental to economic health and sustainability. We address needs related to workforce development and education, community development, and basic needs.

Website: <http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation-funding.html>

Amount: Varies

Timeframe: The Foundation issues RFPs at various points throughout the year: Check funding opportunities on website

Contact: Foundation@bankofamerica.com

BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION GRAND CHALLENGES

The Grand Challenges family of initiatives fosters innovation to solve key health and development problems. See below for Grand Challenges grant opportunities with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as sole or contributing funder. Grant opportunities have defined issues or activities to address.

Website: <http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/about>

Opportunities: <http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenges>

Contact: grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org



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BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY FAMILIES INITIATIVE

Healthy Kids, Healthy Families (HKHF) began in 2011 as a three-year initiative designed to improve the health and wellness of at least one million children through community investments. We extended the program, making HKHF part of our ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of the children and families across Texas. To date, we've helped nearly three million children.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Healthy Kids, Healthy Families initiative invests and partners with nonprofit organizations that offer sustainable, measurable programs. The programs must address health and wellness in the following areas:

- Nutrition
- Physical activity
- Disease prevention and management
- Supporting safe environments

In addition to aligning with one or more of our four areas of focus, the following criteria are required for review of all grant proposals:

- The organization must hold a 501(c)(3) tax status
- The grant must primarily target individuals in Texas
- The program must be measurable and demonstrate how the goals will be met as defined in the grant proposal

Website: <http://www.bcbstx.com/company-info/community-involvement/healthy-kids-healthy-families>

Award: up to \$250,000

Timeframe: Grant applications accepted from March 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017

Contact: healthykidshealthyfamilies@hsc.net

BNSF RAILWAY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the communities they serve and in which their employees live, work, and volunteer. Generally, the foundation will consider grant requests that clearly fall within one or more of the following categories:

- Civic services including organizations which are concerned with the environment, as well as local community issues such as crime prevention, parks and recreation, diversity and community development.
- Cultural organizations that include performing, visual, and fine arts, museums and other related activities that offer opportunities for underserved children to experience cultural learning events, or preserve their cultural heritage.
- Educational institutions, both public and private, primarily at the college level. Grants of an exceptional nature may be made to vocational and non-college schools. Preferably, contributions will be directed toward the improvement of the quality of education. Ordinarily, grants will not be made to finance the expansion of a student body or the payment of scholarships (BNSF's scholarship programs, as well as the Employee Matching Gift Program, are governed by separate policies.)
- Health and Human Service organizations such as YMCA/YWCA, programs that address chemical dependency treatment and prevention, spouse and child abuse, women's and children's aid and transitional shelters. This category also includes hospitals and medical programs.
- Youth organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs, Camp Fire, Scouts, Junior Achievement and similar groups.
- Federated organizations such as United Way and American Red Cross.
- A federally recognized tribal government, listed in the Federal Register by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Website: <http://www.bnsffoundation.org/>

Timeframe: Applications accepted continuously

Contact:

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BNSFFoundation@bnsf.com

BUILD-A-BEAR FOUNDATION GRANT

The Build-A-Bear Foundation mission is to add a little more to life by providing opportunities for children of all ages to better their communities and share their heart with others.

Website: <http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/workshop/Charitable%20Donations/3100023/10500018>

Timeframe: The 2016 application period is closed.

CHRISTOPHER AND DANA REEVE FOUNDATION, QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT

The Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations that serve the disability community. Grants are awarded to organizations that address the needs of people living with paralysis caused by spinal cord and other injuries, diseases or birth conditions, including (but not limited to) stroke, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Website: <https://www.christopherreeve.org/get-support/grants-for-non-profits/program-overview>

Award: Up to \$25,000

Timeframe: There are two application cycles each year. In 2016, the first cycle opened January 11 and closed February 16; the second cycle opened July 1 and closed August 15. Applications will open again in January 2017.

Contact:

Email: QoL@christopherreeve.org
Phone: 1-800-539-7309

CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANT

These grants provide funds to aid health-focused nonprofit organizations in their mission. Organizations must be invited to participate in the grant process, and are required to provide services in at least one of the following areas:

- Access to health care for underserved populations
- Chronic disease management programs
- Tobacco cessation and prevention services

Application for a Community Grant is by invitation only. For information about other giving programs, please contact the Community Relations team.

Contact:

Jennifer Leigh
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DAVID & LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has worked with partners around the world to improve the lives of children, families, and communities, and to restore and protect the planet. Applicable programs funded by the Packard Foundation include:

- The Conservation and Science Program invests in action and ideas that conserve and restore ecosystems while enhancing human well-being.
- The Children, Families, and Communities Program strives to ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.



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Website: <https://www.packard.org/what-we-fund/>

Award: varies

Timeframe:

Contact: Online form - <https://www.packard.org/contact-us/>

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Los Altos, CA 94022 USA

Phone: +1 (650) 948-7658

ESPING FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT

The Esping Family Foundation exists to help people and institutions of Dallas, Texas, specifically Dallas County to help themselves and future generations. Under the terms of its charter, the Foundation can distribute grants only to qualified public entities or 501(c)(3) charities serving the people of Texas. Grants are made in four categories:

- Education
- Human Services
- Health
- Arts and Culture

Website: <http://www.espingfamilyfoundation.org/grant-guidelines/>

Award:

Timeframe: There are two grant cycles each year:

-Spring Grant Cycle: You begin the grant application process by completing a Letter of Inquiry(LOI) which is due on or before February 15 each Spring. You will be notified on or before March 1st if you have been selected to proceed to the second phase of the grant process. Grant requests are due April 1st.

-Fall Grant Cycle: You begin the grant application process by completing a Letter of Inquiry(LOI) which is due on or before July 15 each Summer. You will hear on or before September 1st if you have been selected to proceed to the second phase of the grant process. Grant requests are due October 1st.

Contact:

Heather Esping, President

Esping Family Foundation

2828 Routh St., Suite 500

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Phone: 214.849.9808

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Email: hesping@espingfamilyfoundation.org

Jenny Kirtland, Vice-President

Email: jkirtland@espingfamilyfoundation.org

FINISH LINE YOUTH FOUNDATION

The Youth Foundation is a philanthropic outlet for Finish Line to make a difference in the lives of youth in the communities it serves. Through the years, the Youth Foundation has fine-tuned its mission and grown its philanthropic presence including its grant giving capacity.

To date, the Youth Foundation has awarded more than \$14.5 million in funding to support youth and Special Olympics athletes across the country. The generosity of our customers who donate online and in-store is what enables Finish Line to continually make an impact in the communities where our employees live, work and play.

FL Youth Foundation offers grants in three categories:

- Programmatic Grant: Up to \$5,000 to fund opportunities for kids to participate in community-based youth athletic programs and camps that emphasize active lifestyles, especially programs that serve disadvantaged and special needs kids.
- Legacy Grant: \$10,000 to \$75,000 to fund new facilities improvements and/or renovations to existing buildings, grounds,

and property.

- Founder's Grant: \$5,000 to \$25,000 to fund emergency needs that would somehow be keeping the organization from providing current services, such as natural disasters or other unforeseen fiscal circumstances.

Website: <http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate/youthFoundation.jsp>

Award: varies

Timeframe: There are four grant submission cycles through the year, accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis.

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60

Fuel Up to Play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by National Dairy Council and NFL, in collaboration with the USDA, to help encourage today's youth to lead healthier lives.

Up to \$4,000 per year is available to qualified K-12 schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 to jumpstart healthy changes.

Website: <https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/>

Award: Up to \$4,000

Timeframe: November 2, 2016

Contact: Online contact form - <https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/about/contact-us>

GENERAL MILLS FOUNDATION GRANTS

General Mills Foundation philanthropy focuses on:

- Increasing community food security worldwide.
- Advancing the sustainability of agriculture.
- Protecting the natural resources upon which food and people depend.

GM partners with employees to strengthen our hometown communities worldwide through volunteerism and grant-making addressing local community needs.

Website: <https://www.generalmills.com/en/Responsibility/general-mills-foundation/grants>

GO! GRANT

GO! Grants are \$1,000 to \$5,000 grants to elementary schools to spark and sustain physical activity programs that take place before, during or after the school day. The funds may be used for equipment, facilities, professional development for adults and programs that increase students' physical activity to the recommended 60 minutes or more per day. Grants are available in all states and the District of Columbia.

PHIT America GO! Grants have been awarded to almost 300 schools getting children 5-12 years old physically active and healthier. GO! Grants help get children active for the first time or increase their physical activity & fitness level. Leading brands like Nike, adidas, Brooks, ETS, Life Fitness, Wilson, Mizuno, the USTA and many more are investing in the GO! Grants programs.

GO! Grant programs are implemented by three-year partner, KIDS in the GAME, which excels in managing programs which get more kids off the couch and physically active. This program is the ideal way to fight the 'Inactivity Pandemic' which is creating health issues for our children.

Website: <https://www.kidsinthegame.org/go-grant-school-activity-grants/>

Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000

Timeframe: 2016-2017 deadline has ended

Contact:

875 SE 3rd Street

Suite #240, Bend, OR 97702

Phone: 541-508-3966

Fax: 541-639-3645



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Email: info@kidsinthegame.org

HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION, COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

Grants up to \$5,000 are available to IRS-registered 501c designated organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

The primary goal is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities to support the renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other similar facilities.

Website: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

Amount: up to \$5,000

Timeframe: Rolling deadline. Will receive decision 6 weeks after submission. Last day to submit applications in 2016 is December 31, 2016.

Contact: small_grants@homedepot.com

HOUSTON ENDOWMENT

Houston Endowment works to help create a vibrant community where all people have the opportunity to thrive.

Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones established Houston Endowment in 1937 to improve life for the people of greater Houston. Since its creation the Foundation has focused on our community's most compelling needs.

Today, the Foundation's mission encompasses two overarching and interconnected areas:

- Enhancing the vibrancy of greater Houston
- Advancing equity of opportunity for the people who live here

Houston Endowment invests in sound organizations, proven programs and innovative approaches that align with our mission and vision. Houston Endowment accepts applications from eligible organizations through five programs: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Human Services.

Houston Endowment makes six general types of investments. Most commonly, applications to the Foundation are for General Operating Support or toward Project Support for a specific project or onetime event. Houston Endowment also considers grants toward Capital Improvement, Building Capacity, Public Policy and Engagement, and Research. Applying organizations will need to select the application that fits the type of grant they seek.

Website: <http://www.houstonendowment.org/GrantGuidelines/Overview.aspx>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Houston Endowment accepts applications throughout the year and has no designated deadlines for the submission of requests.

Contact:

Houston Endowment
600 Travis, Suite 6400
Houston, TX 77002-3000

Phone: 713-238-8100

Fax: 713-238-8101

Email: info@houstonendowment.org

KERR FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Kerr Foundation, Inc. supports 501(c)3 organizations, programs and institutions that provide new or enhanced opportunities in the areas of education, health, cultural development and community service. Preference is given to Oklahoma organizations and institutions, although they recognize that such located outside the state and region can also have a beneficial impact on the economic, social and cultural growth and development of Oklahoma. Grant requests are limited to the following states: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, and

Texas.

Website: <http://www.thekerrfoundation.org/guidelines.php>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Friday, January 13, 2017 - Grant Applications Due for consideration at the March 2017 trustee meeting

Contact:

The Kerr Foundation. Inc.
12501 North May Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
Phone: (405) 749.7991
Fax: (405) 749.2877

LOCKHEED MARTIN COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Lockheed Martin is committed to a program of philanthropy that supports the Corporation's strategic business goals and invests in the quality of life in the communities where Lockheed Martin employees work and live.

In general, philanthropic contributions to national initiatives and organizations are made from corporate headquarters and contributions to local programs are made by Lockheed Martin sites close to the program.

Website: <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/philanthropy.html>

Amount: varies

Timeframe: Applications are accepted year-round. Evaluations are typically performed quarterly. Some grant applications may not be able to be considered until the next year's budget cycle, particularly those received in the second half of the year.

Contact: Community Relations - community.relations@lmco.com

L.L. BEAN COMMUNITY CHARITABLE GIVING

The L.L. Bean Community Charitable Giving program focuses giving on national and local outdoor conservation and recreation organizations. L.L.Bean has given more than \$14 million to local, state, regional and national conservation organizations in the last ten years. Grants are made only to qualified, federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

Grants are made in these four categories:

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation: Primary activities include the maintenance and protection of our natural resources; efforts to engage more young people in activities that are relevant to our product line, such as camping, hiking, cycling, canoeing, kayaking, fly fishing, hunting, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing; and programs that have proximity to L.L.Bean Retail Stores. Some of our recipients include the National Park Foundation, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, The Student Conservation Association, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Audubon, Trout Unlimited and National Wild Turkey Federation. For a more comprehensive list, [click here](#).

Health and Human Services: L.L.Bean has donated over \$6 million to health and human service organizations in the past ten years, primarily through the United Way in communities where we have a physical presence. These donations reflect our confidence in the United Way allocation process and our belief in supporting the physical and emotional well-being of our employees, their families and our neighbors. Because of our significant leadership gifts in this area, we are not accepting requests from health and human service organizations at this time.

Education (*only available in Maine): L.L.Bean has contributed over \$4 million to statewide initiatives in Maine such as Junior Achievement and Jobs for Maine's Graduates, as well as local education partnerships. Our support is limited to the following Maine school systems: Freeport, Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick and Bangor. We do not fund education initiatives outside of Maine.

Culture and the Arts (*only available in Maine): We support organizations that enrich the cultural development of our local Maine communities, including the Portland Museum of Art, Maine State Music Theatre and the American Folk Festival in Bangor. We only offer support to arts organizations in Freeport, Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick and Bangor, Maine.



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Website: http://www.llbean.com/customerService/aboutLLBean/charitable_giving.html

Amount: varies

Timeframe: Ongoing.

Contact: donationrequest@llbean.com

LOWE'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS GRANT

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation funds nonprofit organizations and public agencies that support our charitable goals. The foundation's primary philanthropic focus centers on K-12 public education and community improvement. Within these areas, Lowe's Foundation is committed to supporting projects that have the greatest impact on our communities and align with their core business.

Lowe's Community Partners grant program helps build better communities by providing monetary assistance to nonprofit organizations and municipalities looking for support of high-need projects such as: building renovations/upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades as well as safety improvements.

Website: https://www.lowes.com/cd_Corporate+Citizenship_674540029_

Website: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/serving-communities/>

Grant applications: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Amount: \$2,000 to \$100,000

Timeframe: There are two grant application cycles a year:

Spring Cycle: March 19, 2017 – May 11, 2017

Fall Cycle: July 2, 2017 – August 24, 2017

Contact:

Community Relations

Phone: 704-758-2917

Email: Community@Lowe.com

LOWE'S SMALL GRANTS

The small grants program is an outlet for organizations seeking smaller-scale assistance for non-educational focused projects. These grants range from \$100 to \$2,000. Small grant project requests must also fit within the Giving Guidelines. These requests are received on a rolling basis, with no specific cycle dates.

Website: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/serving-communities/>

Grant applications: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Amount: \$100 to \$2,000, distributed as a Lowe's gift card.

Timeframe: Continuous

Contact:

Community Relations

Phone: 704-758-2917

Email: Community@Lowe.com

LOWE'S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation funds nonprofit organizations and public agencies that support our charitable goals. The foundation's primary philanthropic focus centers on K-12 public education and community improvement. Within these areas, Lowe's Foundation is committed to supporting projects that have the greatest impact on our communities and align with their core business.

The Lowe's Toolbox for Education program is designed to help build better schools and communities by offering schools the opportunity to apply for a grant between \$2,000 and \$5,000. Playground projects are eligible under the grant program. Schools can use funding to build a new playground or refurbish old equipment. The Toolbox for Education program also allows for schools to pad the ground with wood chips or rubber matting to make playgrounds safe. In addition, schools may use funding to enhance a playground with handicapped—accessible configurations and build pathways for wheelchair accessibility.

Website: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html>; <https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Amount: \$2,000 to \$5,000

Timeframe: There are two grant application cycles a year:

Spring Cycle: December 18, 2016 – February 9, 2017

Fall Cycle: August 6, 2017 – September 28, 2017

Contact:

Community Relations

Phone: 704-758-2917

Email: Community@Lowes.com

Email: info@toolboxforeducation.com

MATTEL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

The Mattel Children's Foundation focuses its strategic grant making on one major objective: Improving the lives of children in need. The Mattel Children's Foundation has developed partnerships with exemplary nonprofit partners that demonstrate this ideal through both compassionate outreach to children and strong financial accountability.

The foundation is driven by the belief that play is essential for all children because it is fundamental to development and learning but millions of children lack access to play. Currently, the foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations around the world that make a meaningful difference in the lives of children, and with an emphasis on programs that support or enhance the opportunity for children to play.

Not accepting unsolicited applications at this time.

Website: <http://philanthropy.mattel.com/focus#time>

METLIFE FOUNDATION

MetLife Foundation has committed \$200 million over five years to help low-income individuals and families get access to safe and affordable financial products and services. MetLife Foundation works in both developing and developed economies to expand and improve financial services. We fund approaches that help low- and moderate-income people:

- improve basic cash flow management
- prepare for life's inevitable challenges
- take advantage of opportunities
- achieve their short- and long- term goals

In addition, MetLife sponsors initiatives in other philanthropic areas, expanding beyond the financial health of communities to support for medical research, arts and cultural institutions, disaster relief, and civic initiatives.

Website: https://www.metlife.com/about/corporate-responsibility/metlife-foundation/index.html?WT.ac=GN_about_corporate-responsibility_metlife-foundation

Contact: metlifefoundation@metlife.com

CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION

The Mott Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are working to strengthen our hometown of Flint and communities around world. The foundation seeks to fulfill its mission of supporting efforts that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society through these four programs:

Civil Society: efforts to increase civic engagement, encourage charitable giving and help communities make positive change.

Education: efforts to expand learning opportunities and supports for children, particularly those from low- and moderate-income communities.

Environment: programs around the world that protect communities and the ecosystems upon which they depend.



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Flint Area: efforts to help our hometown of Flint solve problems, create opportunities and build a vibrant future for the community and its residents.

Funding for unsolicited requests is very limited. Interested entities wanting to submit an idea for funding should first complete a letter of inquiry (LOI) form. Your LOI will help our program staff determine the relevance of proposed project and offer advice on whether to submit a full proposal.

Website: <https://www.mott.org/>

Contact:

Office of Proposal Entry
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Mott Foundation Building
503 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 1200
Flint, MI 48502-1851
U.S.A.

MUSCLE MILK RECOVERY GRANT

The MUSCLE MILK® team awards grants to revitalize high school athletic departments around the country that demonstrate a financial need. The Muscle Milk Recovery Grant™ program helps athletic programs solve immediate needs like purchasing new uniforms, replacing broken equipment or restoring facilities in disrepair.

CytoSport, Inc. ("Sponsor") believes strongly that sports and exercise are essential to the health, well-being and happiness of children and adults of all ages. As a result, we want to give back to our audience by providing grant money to worthy school or community programs that have a specific need for resources to improve athletic opportunities for kids and young adults. To facilitate this goal, we developed the Muscle Milk® Brand Recovery Grant Program ("Grant Program"), which will provide a series of grants to deserving programs at least four times a year, and maybe more. Each grant will represent a self-contained giveaway with an entry period as defined below.

Website: <http://www.musclemlkrecoverygrant.com/>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Ongoing. In 2016, three grant periods, ending on (i) September 15, 2016; (ii) October 31, 2016; and (iii) December 31, 2016.

Contact: Mail:

1340 Treat Blvd. Suite 350
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Phone: 1-888-298-6629

NATIONAL SWIMMING POOL FOUNDATION GRANTS

The National Swimming Pool Foundation® is a non-profit foundation whose mission is to encourage healthier living by increasing aquatic activity through education and research. The National Swimming Pool Foundation has established the NSPF Fellowship Program to encourage and support graduate students and post-doctoral fellows who focus research in two areas associated with aquatic venues that are treated to maintain a sanitary condition (e.g. swimming pools, spas/hot tubs, therapy pools, water parks, etc.):

- Research to reduce the risk to people associated with - but not limited to - physical facility design, exposure to chemical or pathogenic contaminants, air quality, drowning, or entrapment, etc.

- Research to investigate and document the positive health consequences of aquatic activities against maladies such as - but not limited to - high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, heart disease, cancer, aging, physical therapy, arthritis, etc.

Website: <https://www.nspf.org/NSPF-Scholarship-Program-and-Research-Fellowship-Grants>

Award: minimum of \$1,000 and \$2,000

Timeframe: Scholarships are awarded for the fall semester of each year. In order to be considered for the fall 2017 semester, the complete application package must be received by the National Swimming Pool Foundation no later than June 1, 2017.

Contact:

NSPF Fellowship Program
National Swimming Pool Foundation
4775 Granby Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80919-3131
Email: Service@nspf.org

NATURE WORKS EVERYWHERE GRANT

The Nature Works Everywhere program is administered by The Nature Conservancy, a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Nature Works Everywhere gives teachers, students and families everything they need to start exploring and understanding nature around the globe alongside Nature Conservancy scientists. The program offers a grant opportunity to schools across the U.S. to build, amend or revitalize school garden projects with the core principal that gardens model nature on a relatable scale. By combining project-based learning curriculum with a school garden space, students learn conservation-mindedness.

In 2016, the Nature Works Everywhere grant broadened its support for all kinds of projects that involve students in developing a nature-based, green infrastructure solution to an environmental challenge in their community. Whether addressing issues surrounding access to healthy food, air quality, heat island effect, climate change or storm water collection, youth will be empowered as social innovators to model solutions in their school communities through project design and implementation. To accomplish this, the Nature Works Everywhere grant will support projects that implement green infrastructure to address local environmental challenges.

Website: <https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/home/>

Timeframe: 2016-2017 deadline has ended.

Contact: natureworks@tnc.org

PEOPLE FOR BIKES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. Please review the following information carefully before submitting a grant application. Proposals that are incomplete or do not fall within our funding priority areas will not be considered. Visit our Grants Awarded database for examples of funded projects.

PeopleForBikes accepts grant applications from non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development, from city or county agencies or departments, and from state or federal agencies working locally. PeopleForBikes only funds projects in the United States. Requests must support a specific project or program; we do not grant funds for general operating costs.

PeopleForBikes focuses most grant funds on bicycle infrastructure projects and will also fund some advocacy projects.

Website: <http://www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/community-grants>

Award: Up to \$10,000

Timeframe: PeopleForBikes generally holds 1-2 open grant cycles every year. The 2016 grant cycles have closed.

Contact:

Zoe Kircos, Director of Grants and Partnerships
Phone: 303-449-4893 x106
Email: zoe@peopleforbikes.org

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funds program and policy initiatives in four areas which are each critical to health equity—enabling everyone in our nation to live a healthier life:

- Health Systems: Catalyzing fundamental changes in health and health care systems to achieve measurably better



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outcomes for all.

- Healthy Kids, Healthy Weight: Enabling all children to attain their optimal physical, social and emotional well-being, including growing up at a healthy weight.
- Healthy Communities: Creating the conditions that allow communities and their residents to reach their greatest health potential.
- Health Leadership: Engaging a diverse array of leaders in all sectors with the vision, experience, and drive to help build a Culture of Health.
- Specific grant programs are developed by RWJF program staff, in consultation with leading experts in our fields of interest, and with guidance and final approval from our board of trustees.

In many cases, a competitive call for proposals (CFP) is issued that defines the challenges to address, activities RWJF will support to achieve desired outcomes, and eligibility criteria. In addition, funding is also provided through open calls for ideas and different types of challenges and prize competitions.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants.html>

Funding opportunities: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants/funding-opportunities.html>

Award: varies

Timeframe: ongoing

Contact:

Office of Proposal Management

Email: mail@rwjf.org

Phone: 877-843-7953

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION, EVIDENCE FOR ACTION

Evidence for Action (E4A), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, funds research that expands the evidence base needed to build a Culture of Health. Our mission is to support rigorously designed quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research that yields convincing findings regarding the population health, well-being, and equity impacts of specific policies, programs and partnerships. We are especially interested in research examining the health impacts of programmatic or policy interventions that address factors outside the domain of health care services or public health practice.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2015/evidence-for-action-investigator-initiated-research-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html>

Program website: <http://www.evidenceforaction.org/>

Award: varies. E4A was allocated \$6.6 million in grant funding to award through July 2017.

Timeframe: Rolling basis.

Contact:

Erin Hagan, MBA, PhD, deputy director

Email: evidenceforaction@ucsf.edu

Phone: 415-502-3490

ROTARY, DISTRICT GRANTS

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs of a community of a qualified Rotary district. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants. You can use district grants to fund a variety of district and club projects and activities, including:

-Humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts

-Scholarships for any level, length of time, location, or area of study

-Youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotaract, and

Interact

-Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local

professionals about their field or to learn more about it themselves

Website: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/district-grants>

SAUCONY RUN FOR GOOD FOUNDATION

The Saucony Run For Good Foundation donates funds to causes aimed at keeping kids healthy and offers grants to reduce the childhood obesity epidemic. Grants are open to community nonprofit organizations that initiate and support running programs for kids.

Website: <http://www.saucony.com/en/runforgood/>

Award: up to \$10,000

Timeframe: Grants are issued twice per year, once in February and once in August. The deadline to apply for those grants are 12/15 and 6/15.

Contact:

191 Spring Street
Mail Drop 318S
Lexington, MA 02420-9191
Email: runforgood@saucony.com

SHANE'S INSPIRATION

Shane's Inspiration is a non-profit organization committed to the creation of inclusive, sensory rich, developmentally appropriate, fun, safe, and challenging playgrounds where children of all abilities can play together at their highest level of ability. Shane's Inspiration offers assistance for the installation of inclusionary playgrounds.

Website: <http://shanesinspiration.org/build/>

Award:

Timeframe: ongoing

Contact:

Brad Thornton,
Phone: 818-988-5676
Email: brad@shanesinspiration.org

USA SWIMMING MAKE A SPLASH GRANT

One of the guiding principles of Make a Splash is to spread the word and mission of the USA Swimming Foundation to every community in the nation. In order to reach the widest audience possible, Make a Splash will partner with learn to swim providers across the country that are willing to promote water safety education to their communities and or provide scholarships for children to participate in their swim lesson programs.

The USA Swimming Foundation awards grants on an annual basis to Make a Splash Local Partners who provide services to young people who, otherwise, would not have the opportunity to participate in water safety instructional programs and/or swimming lessons.

Website: <http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2092&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>

Award: Up to \$4,000

Timeframe: November 2, 2016

Contact:

Shweta Shreyarthi
Email: sshreyarthi@usaswimming.org
Phone: 719-866-3546

VOYA UNSUNG HEROES

Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. The program is administered by Scholarship America, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals.

Applicants to the Voya Unsung Heroes Awards Program must be:



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-Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States.

-Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective and innovative projects that improve student learning.

Website: <https://www.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes/>

Award: \$2,000 and opportunity to receive "top awards" of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000

Timeframe: application must be submitted on or before April 30, 2017.

Contact:

Email: unsungheroes@scholarshipamerica.org

Phone: 1-507-931-1682

WALMART COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Through the Community Grant Program, store associates are proud to support the needs of their communities by providing grants to local organizations. Funds must benefit the facility's service area: potential grantees should be nonprofit organizations with programs that benefit communities within the service area of the Walmart store, Sam's Club or Logistics facility from which they are requesting funds.

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have identified four core areas of giving: Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating, Sustainability, Women's Economic Empowerment and Opportunity. To ensure that your application has the best chance of being funded, the proposed use of the grant should fit within one of these areas of giving.

Website: <http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>

Award: \$250 to \$2,500

Timeframe: The 2016 grant cycle begins Feb. 1, 2016 and the application deadline is Dec. 31, 2016.

WALMART STATE GIVING PROGRAM

The State Giving Program invests in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. The Walmart Foundation has a State Advisory Council in each state, made up of Walmart associates representing local communities. Each Council helps identify local needs within its state, reviews all eligible grant applications and makes funding recommendations to the Walmart Foundation. Councils base recommendations on alignment with Foundation focus areas, state or community needs and program eligibility criteria.

Website: http://corporate.walmart.com/_foundation_/apply-for-grants/state-giving-program

Award: \$25,000 to \$200,000

Timeframe: All states have two application cycles annually. The State Giving Program application is currently closed. The application will reopen early 2017.

WALMART NATIONAL GIVING PROGRAM

The National Giving Program supports organizations working across one or more states to address social issues strongly aligned with our focus areas. This program often provide funds to organizations that have local affiliates around the country, and the majority of grants from this program include re-grants to implement programs in local communities.

Website: <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/national-giving>

Award: \$250,000 and above

WELLS FARGO, COMMUNITY GIVING

Wells Fargo and the Wells Fargo Foundation provide monetary support, expertise, and volunteers to national and local nonprofit organizations and causes that align with our business priorities, values, business expertise, and geographies. Wells Fargo works with a wide range of nonprofits and community organizations to stabilize and strengthen low-to-moderate income neighborhoods, as well as address global social, economic, and environmental challenges. Wells Fargo focuses giving in the following areas:

- **Community Development:** programs that help provide affordable housing for low and moderate income individuals;

promote economic development by financing small businesses or small farms; provide job training for low and moderate income individuals Provide financial education and promote economic empowerment; help to revitalize low and moderate income communities

- **Education:** Programs that promote academic achievement for low- and moderate-income students with a priority emphasis on K-12; provide training for teachers and administrators working with low- and moderate-income students; encourage school partnerships with parents and guardians, the local community, and the business community.
- **Human Services:** social and human service organizations whose work chiefly benefits low- and moderate-income individuals.
- **Arts and Culture:** Projects and requests that work to enhance community diversity through access to cultural experiences for low- and moderate-income individuals, availability of a broad array of artistic opportunities and venues that reflect the community's diversity, and educational programs.
- **Civic Engagement:** projects that enhance a community's quality of life through projects involving public policy, community beautification, civic leadership, citizen education, and cultural diversity.
- **Environment:** including natural resources conservation, environmental education, and support the transition to a sustainable environment.

Website: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/texas-grant-guidelines/>

Amount: Varies

Timeframe: Ongoing.

Contact: Each region in Texas manages its own application process and accordingly has its own contact.

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The Weyerhaeuser Company is deeply connected to the communities where we operate and have a long history of doing our part to help them thrive. Through the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, awards are made to programs in the communities where the company operates. The majority of their funding focuses on affordable housing and shelter, education and youth development, environmental stewardship, and human services, civic, and cultural growth.

Website: <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/sustainability/communities/community-investment/giving-fund/>

Timeframe: The 2016 grant cycle has closed. Information on the 2017 grant cycle will be available January 2017

Contact: Anne.Leyva@weyerhaeuser.com

RESOURCES

GRANTS.GOV

The Grants.gov program management office was established in 2002 and is managed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Grants.gov is an E-Government initiative operating under the governance of the Office of Management and Budget.

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Website: www.grants.gov

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Website: <https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=list&tab=list>



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SIGN-IN SHEETS, KICKOFF MEETING

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PARKS MASTER PLAN KICKOFF MEETING 1** **SIGN-IN SHEET**

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Sheet 2

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SIGN-IN SHEETS, WALTER HALL PARK: JUNE 26, 2017

Sheet 2

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SIGN-IN SHEETS, CARBIDE PARK: JUNE 27, 2017

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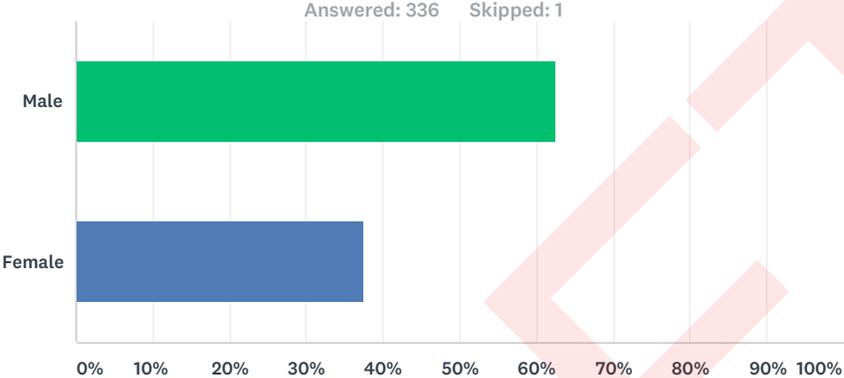


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Survey Results

Q1 Are you male or female?

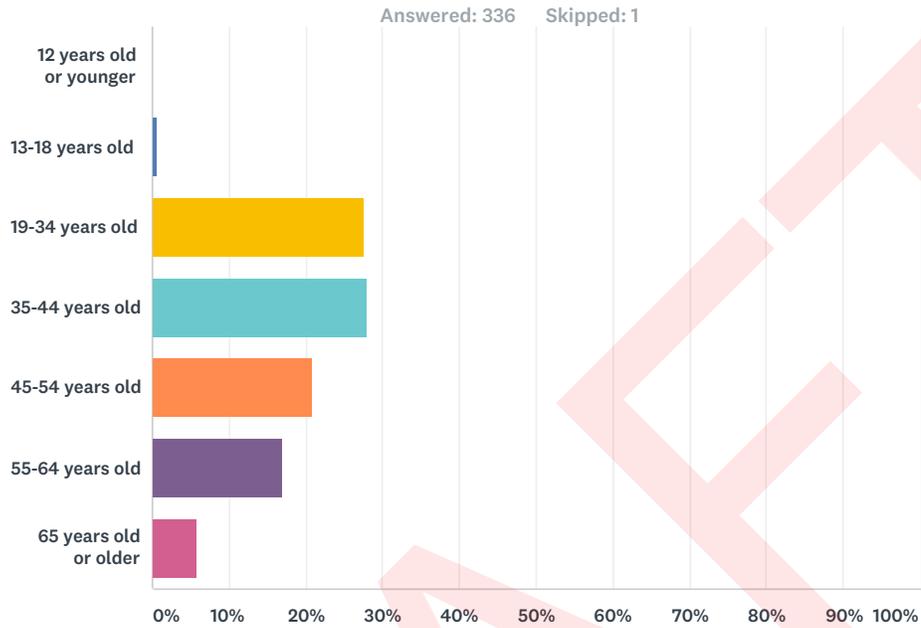


Answer Choices	Responses
Male	62.50% 210
Female	37.50% 126
Total	336



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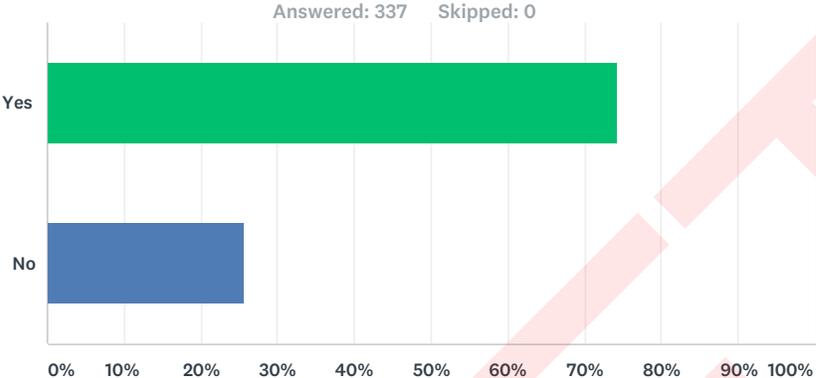
Q2 What is your approximate age?



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
12 years old or younger	0.00%	0
13-18 years old	0.60%	2
19-34 years old	27.68%	93
35-44 years old	27.98%	94
45-54 years old	20.83%	70
55-64 years old	16.96%	57
65 years old or older	5.95%	20
Total		336

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Q3 Are you a resident of the Galveston County?

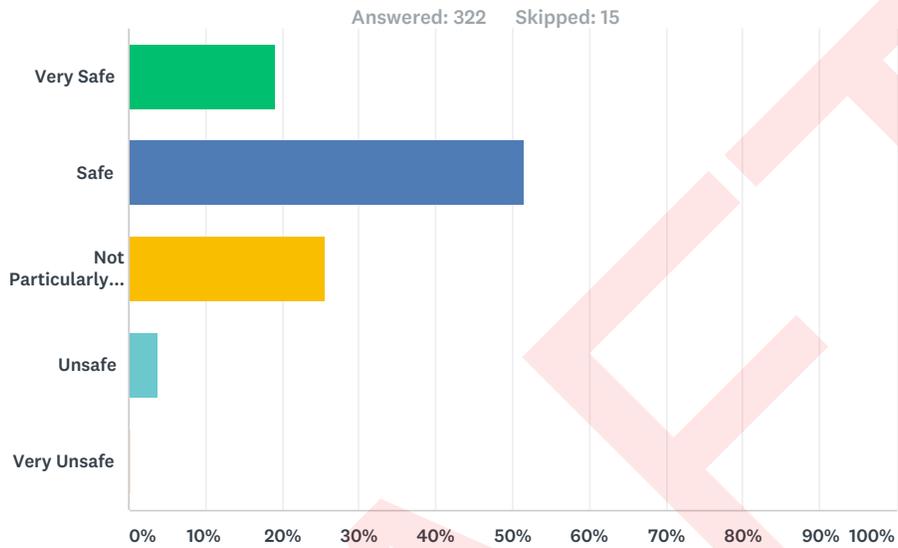


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	74.18%	250
No	25.82%	87
Total		337



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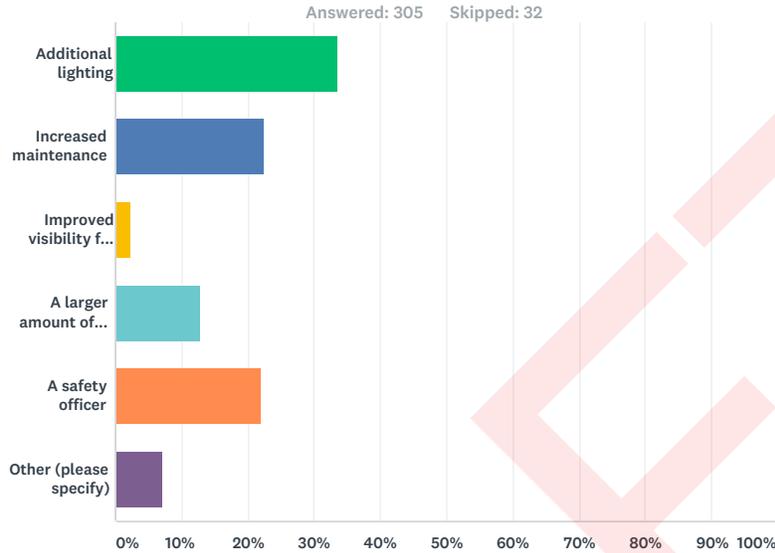
Q4 How safe do you feel while in Galveston County parks?



Answer Choices	Responses
Very Safe	18.94% 61
Safe	51.55% 166
Not Particularly Safe or Unsafe	25.47% 82
Unsafe	3.73% 12
Very Unsafe	0.31% 1
Total	322

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Q5 What would make you feel safer in Galveston County parks?



Answer Choices	Responses
Additional lighting	33.44% 102
Increased maintenance	22.30% 68
Improved visibility from street	2.30% 7
A larger amount of people in park	12.79% 39
A safety officer	21.97% 67
Other (please specify)	7.21% 22
Total	305

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I don't feel ay of the above are necessary	7/6/2017 9:23 AM
2	Someone patrol the area once or twice a day	7/5/2017 12:22 PM
3	staff visibility	7/5/2017 8:23 AM
4	All of the above	7/4/2017 11:44 AM
5	no issues	7/3/2017 11:40 AM
6	Nothing	6/29/2017 2:52 AM
7	Officers patrolling. Ridden Jack Brooks for years and have seen officers patrol just a hand full of times. Not someone who is over reacts to safety but I come from a family of police officers and can tell you 100% that there is quite a bit of shady activity that goes on at that park.	6/29/2017 12:15 AM
8	More police presence	6/28/2017 6:46 PM
9	Maybe more patrols at JB	6/28/2017 6:33 PM
10	More patrols through the parks	6/28/2017 5:59 PM
11	Non, feel save	6/28/2017 5:33 PM
12	Additional lighting, increased maintenance, parks dept drive throughs if not safety officers.	6/28/2017 5:02 PM
13	All of the above !!!!!	6/28/2017 4:45 PM
14	Regular police patrols	6/28/2017 4:30 PM
15	More regular drive bus by the police	6/28/2017 2:16 PM



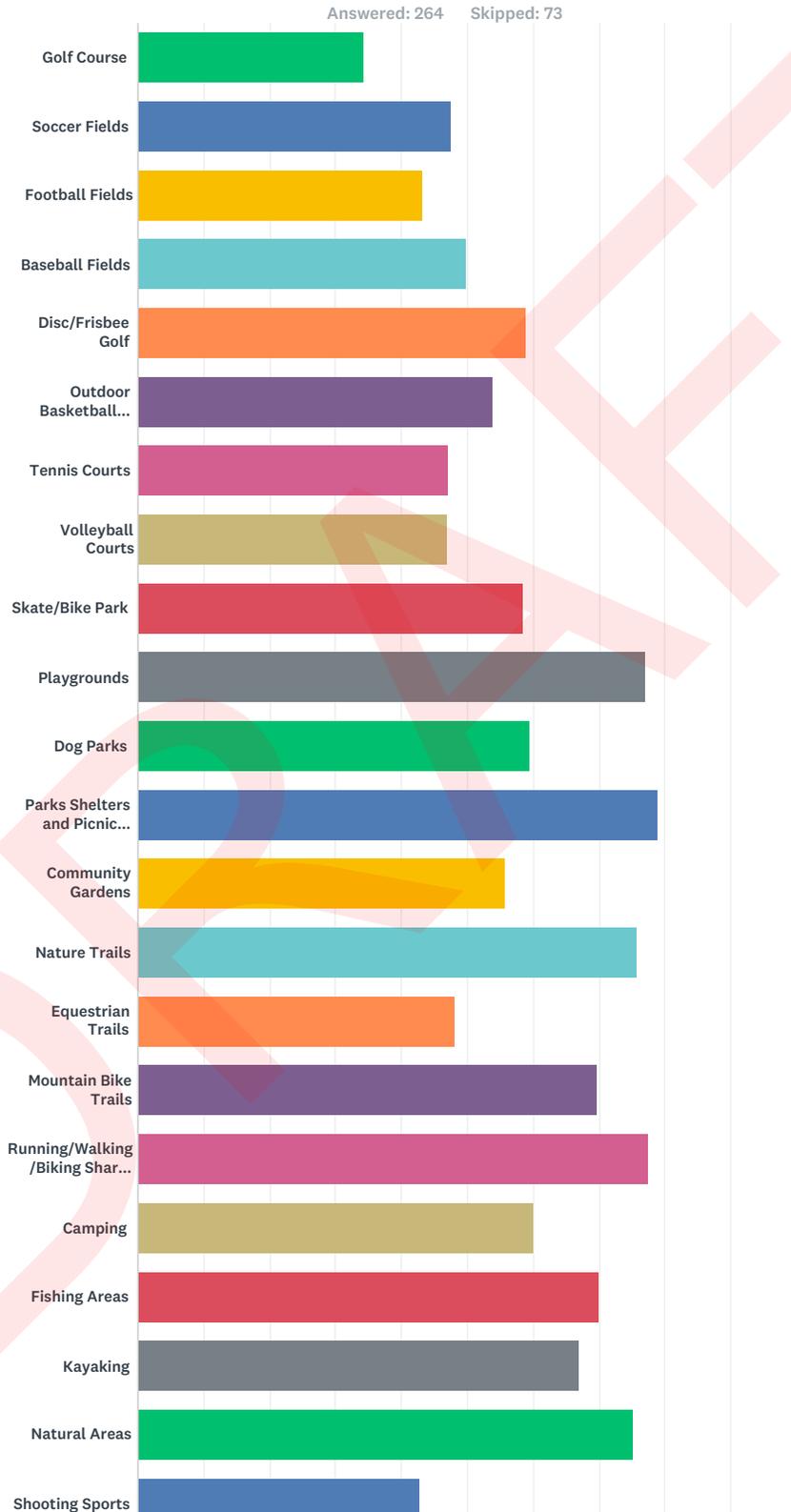
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16	Jack Brooks needs more security	6/28/2017 11:21 AM
17	It's a sign of the times. Not much you can do when life has become a fearful experience. Even staying home is frightening.	6/28/2017 10:19 AM
18	Increased utilization of jack brooks areas. Better facilities and lighting at the various areas.	6/28/2017 9:58 AM
19	Nothing	6/28/2017 9:44 AM
20	Nothing	6/27/2017 5:21 PM
21	More police presence, locking gates at night.	6/27/2017 4:46 PM
22	Police to come through more often.	6/27/2017 4:34 PM

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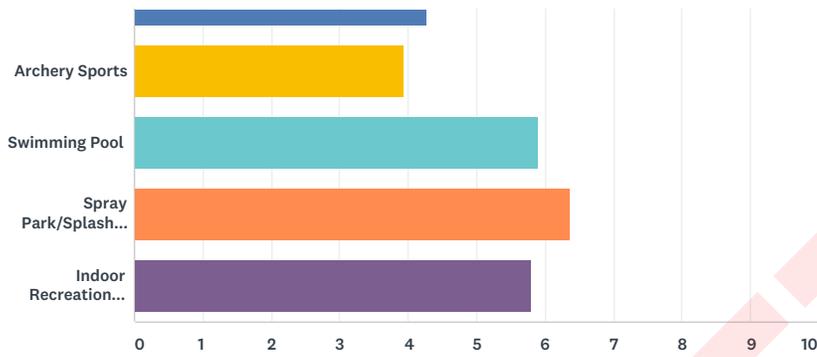
Q6 Please rank the importance of the following recreation facilities: (1 Unimportant – 10 Extremely Important)





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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Weighted Average
Golf Course	47.43% 120	5.53% 14	7.51% 19	4.35% 11	10.28% 26	6.72% 17	6.72% 17	3.16% 8	1.19% 3	7.11% 18	253	3.44
Soccer Fields	24.41% 62	6.69% 17	7.09% 18	5.91% 15	19.29% 49	5.51% 14	9.84% 25	7.87% 20	3.54% 9	9.84% 25	254	4.74
Football Fields	28.46% 72	8.30% 21	7.11% 18	9.09% 23	14.23% 36	7.91% 20	8.70% 22	5.53% 14	3.16% 8	7.51% 19	253	4.30
Baseball Fields	20.95% 53	5.93% 15	6.72% 17	9.88% 25	15.02% 38	9.49% 24	8.30% 21	8.70% 22	3.95% 10	11.07% 28	253	4.98
Disc/Frisbee Golf	18.68% 48	4.67% 12	7.00% 18	4.67% 12	13.23% 34	7.00% 18	5.84% 15	7.78% 20	1.95% 5	29.18% 75	257	5.88
Outdoor Basketball Courts	17.13% 43	3.59% 9	5.98% 15	6.37% 16	17.53% 44	12.35% 31	10.76% 27	13.15% 33	3.19% 8	9.96% 25	251	5.38
Tennis Courts	23.53% 60	3.53% 9	9.80% 25	8.24% 21	17.65% 45	9.02% 23	9.80% 25	6.67% 17	3.53% 9	8.24% 21	255	4.71
Volleyball Courts	20.63% 52	5.95% 15	9.13% 23	9.13% 23	21.83% 55	6.35% 16	9.52% 24	7.14% 18	1.98% 5	8.33% 21	252	4.69
Skate/Bike Park	18.33% 46	5.18% 13	4.38% 11	5.98% 15	11.95% 30	7.17% 18	10.76% 27	8.37% 21	6.37% 16	21.51% 54	251	5.83
Playgrounds	7.54% 19	1.19% 3	0.79% 2	2.78% 7	10.71% 27	4.37% 11	8.33% 21	14.68% 37	6.35% 16	43.25% 109	252	7.69
Dog Parks	15.42% 39	4.35% 11	5.53% 14	3.56% 9	15.81% 40	9.09% 23	11.46% 29	9.88% 25	2.37% 6	22.53% 57	253	5.94
Parks Shelters and Picnic Areas	3.97% 10	2.78% 7	0.79% 2	1.59% 4	11.90% 30	6.35% 16	7.94% 20	11.51% 29	7.54% 19	45.63% 115	252	7.88
Community Gardens	18.07% 45	5.22% 13	5.62% 14	6.43% 16	17.27% 43	8.43% 21	6.43% 16	7.63% 19	7.23% 18	17.67% 44	249	5.56
Nature Trails	5.06% 13	1.56% 4	2.72% 7	5.45% 14	10.12% 26	5.84% 15	7.39% 19	13.23% 34	10.51% 27	38.13% 98	257	7.57
Equestrian Trails	25.00% 62	6.85% 17	8.87% 22	7.26% 18	11.69% 29	8.47% 21	7.26% 18	7.26% 18	4.44% 11	12.90% 32	248	4.81
Mountain Bike Trails	11.20% 29	2.70% 7	4.25% 11	3.09% 8	10.81% 28	7.72% 20	6.95% 18	10.04% 26	6.18% 16	37.07% 96	259	6.97
Running/Walking/Biking Shared Use Paths/Trails	4.72% 12	1.18% 3	3.54% 9	2.36% 6	11.81% 30	4.72% 12	10.24% 26	7.87% 20	10.63% 27	42.91% 109	254	7.74
Camping	15.54% 39	3.98% 10	5.58% 14	4.38% 11	15.94% 40	9.16% 23	5.58% 14	10.76% 27	8.37% 21	20.72% 52	251	6.00
Fishing Areas	9.88% 25	1.58% 4	2.77% 7	4.74% 12	13.04% 33	5.14% 13	10.67% 27	13.04% 33	9.09% 23	30.04% 76	253	6.98
Kayaking	12.20% 31	1.97% 5	2.76% 7	6.30% 16	13.78% 35	5.12% 13	8.27% 21	12.20% 31	8.27% 21	29.13% 74	254	6.70

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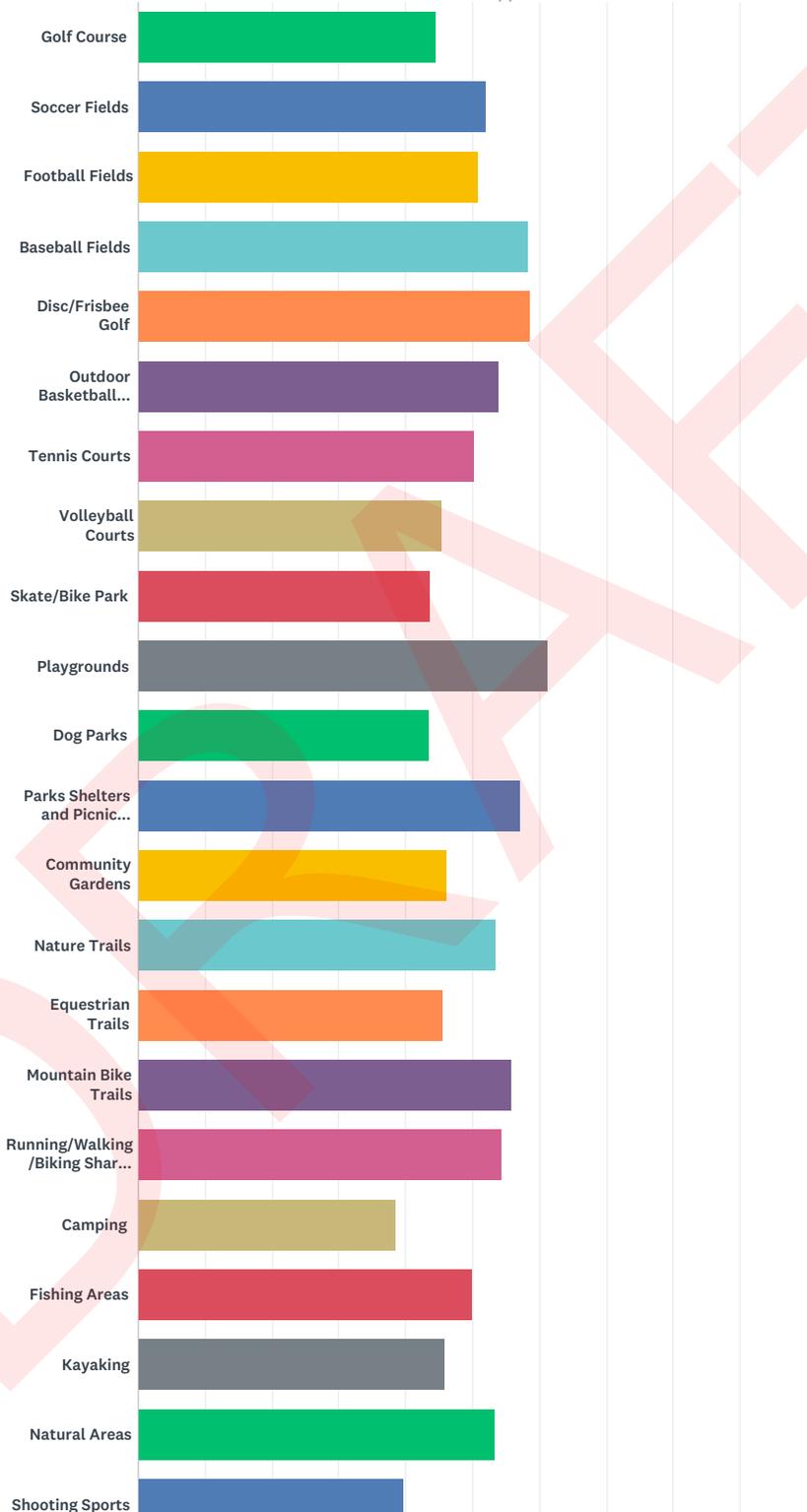
Natural Areas	6.77% 17	2.79% 7	1.59% 4	3.59% 9	11.55% 29	7.17% 18	5.98% 15	11.55% 29	5.58% 14	43.43% 109	251	7.51
Shooting Sports	33.86% 85	5.98% 15	8.37% 21	7.17% 18	13.94% 35	5.58% 14	3.98% 10	6.37% 16	2.39% 6	12.35% 31	251	4.27
Archery Sports	36.40% 91	6.80% 17	7.60% 19	8.00% 20	14.40% 36	7.60% 19	3.20% 8	4.80% 12	2.00% 5	9.20% 23	250	3.93
Swimming Pool	20.40% 51	2.00% 5	6.40% 16	4.40% 11	14.80% 37	4.00% 10	6.00% 15	11.60% 29	7.60% 19	22.80% 57	250	5.90
Spray Park/Splash Pads	14.74% 37	2.79% 7	4.38% 11	5.58% 14	11.55% 29	7.97% 20	7.97% 20	11.16% 28	8.76% 22	25.10% 63	251	6.36
Indoor Recreation Opportunities	16.47% 41	4.82% 12	6.43% 16	6.43% 16	16.06% 40	6.43% 16	7.63% 19	8.43% 21	5.22% 13	22.09% 55	249	5.79



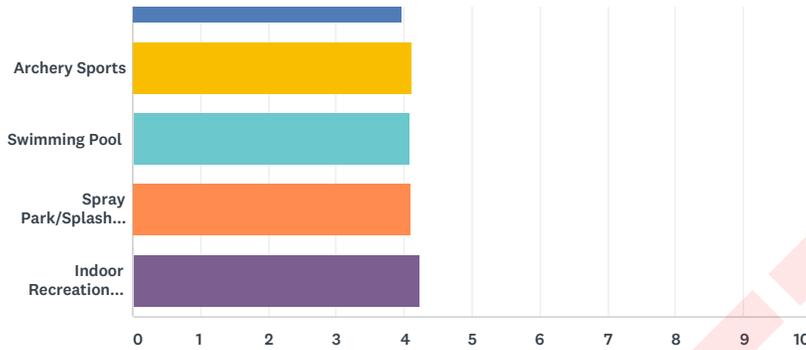
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Q7 Please rank the County's performance in providing the following recreation facilities: (1 Poor - 10 Superior)

Answered: 241 Skipped: 96



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Golf Course	25.25% 50	5.05% 10	7.07% 14	8.08% 16	25.25% 50	5.56% 11	8.59% 17	5.56% 11	3.03% 6	6.57% 13	198	4.46
Soccer Fields	12.44% 26	3.83% 8	7.66% 16	10.53% 22	27.27% 57	7.66% 16	11.00% 23	8.61% 18	3.83% 8	7.18% 15	209	5.20
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Baseball Fields	8.37% 17	2.46% 5	7.88% 16	6.40% 13	24.63% 50	8.87% 18	13.79% 28	10.34% 21	6.90% 14	10.34% 21	203	5.84
Disc/Frisbee Golf	7.41% 16	3.70% 8	7.87% 17	8.33% 18	25.46% 55	6.94% 15	12.96% 28	7.87% 17	3.24% 7	16.20% 35	216	5.86
Outdoor Basketball Courts	8.87% 18	5.42% 11	7.39% 15	8.87% 18	27.59% 56	9.85% 20	10.84% 22	9.36% 19	2.96% 6	8.87% 18	203	5.40
Tennis Courts	12.94% 26	5.47% 11	7.96% 16	9.95% 20	27.86% 56	9.45% 19	10.45% 21	5.47% 11	1.49% 3	8.96% 18	201	5.03
Volleyball Courts	16.50% 33	7.00% 14	10.50% 21	10.00% 20	31.00% 62	7.50% 15	5.50% 11	3.00% 6	2.00% 4	7.00% 14	200	4.53
Skate/Bike Park	18.59% 37	9.05% 18	11.06% 22	10.05% 20	28.14% 56	5.53% 11	4.52% 9	3.52% 7	2.01% 4	7.54% 15	199	4.37
Playgrounds	4.88% 10	0.49% 1	4.88% 10	7.32% 15	27.32% 56	13.66% 28	11.71% 24	15.12% 31	4.88% 10	9.76% 20	205	6.13
Dog Parks	23.50% 47	6.00% 12	8.50% 17	8.50% 17	25.50% 51	9.50% 19	6.50% 13	4.00% 8	1.50% 3	6.50% 13	200	4.36
Parks Shelters and Picnic Areas	7.21% 15	2.88% 6	7.69% 16	9.13% 19	25.48% 53	11.06% 23	11.54% 24	10.58% 22	4.33% 9	10.10% 21	208	5.72
Community Gardens	19.19% 38	4.55% 9	9.09% 18	12.63% 25	22.73% 45	9.60% 19	8.08% 16	5.05% 10	3.03% 6	6.06% 12	198	4.62
Nature Trails	11.11% 23	3.86% 8	10.63% 22	10.14% 21	23.67% 49	6.28% 13	7.25% 15	14.01% 29	5.31% 11	7.73% 16	207	5.35
Equestrian Trails	18.09% 36	8.04% 16	11.56% 23	10.55% 21	21.61% 43	5.53% 11	7.54% 15	8.04% 16	3.02% 6	6.03% 12	199	4.57
Mountain Bike Trails	13.27% 28	4.74% 10	10.43% 22	6.64% 14	18.96% 40	4.74% 10	9.95% 21	11.37% 24	5.21% 11	14.69% 31	211	5.58
Running/Walking/Biking Shared Use Paths/Trails	11.90% 25	2.38% 5	12.86% 27	9.52% 20	17.14% 36	9.52% 20	10.95% 23	10.00% 21	6.67% 14	9.05% 19	210	5.43
Camping	27.78% 55	6.06% 12	13.13% 26	10.61% 21	24.24% 48	3.03% 6	5.05% 10	5.56% 11	1.01% 2	3.54% 7	198	3.85
Fishing Areas	15.92% 32	3.48% 7	9.95% 20	9.45% 19	23.38% 47	9.45% 19	8.46% 17	8.96% 18	2.99% 6	7.96% 16	201	5.01
Kayaking	18.69% 37	7.07% 14	6.57% 13	10.61% 21	29.29% 58	6.57% 13	7.58% 15	4.04% 8	4.04% 8	5.56% 11	198	4.58



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Natural Areas	13.50% 27	3.00% 6	6.00% 12	10.50% 21	24.50% 49	7.50% 15	13.50% 27	10.00% 20	3.50% 7	8.00% 16	200	5.33
Shooting Sports	26.04% 50	8.85% 17	9.38% 18	8.33% 16	24.48% 47	7.29% 14	6.25% 12	4.17% 8	3.13% 6	2.08% 4	192	3.97
Archery Sports	22.40% 43	8.33% 16	11.46% 22	9.38% 18	25.00% 48	6.77% 13	4.69% 9	7.29% 14	1.56% 3	3.13% 6	192	4.13
Swimming Pool	30.77% 60	3.08% 6	10.26% 20	7.69% 15	23.59% 46	5.64% 11	6.15% 12	6.15% 12	2.56% 5	4.10% 8	195	4.07
Spray Park/Splash Pads	29.44% 58	6.09% 12	7.11% 14	9.64% 19	24.37% 48	5.58% 11	4.57% 9	5.08% 10	2.03% 4	6.09% 12	197	4.09
Indoor Recreation Opportunities	26.67% 52	4.62% 9	12.31% 24	8.21% 16	22.05% 43	7.18% 14	5.13% 10	4.10% 8	2.56% 5	7.18% 14	195	4.23

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Q8 What recreational activities not listed in questions #7 and #8 should the Galveston County help provide?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 262

#	Responses	Date
1	Better boat ramps	7/6/2017 3:33 PM
2	None stop spend our taxes on parks that outsiders use. If you do make them payed activities.	7/3/2017 7:04 PM
3	Indoor and outdoor senior recreation facilities	7/3/2017 6:04 PM
4	Splash Pads	7/3/2017 3:07 PM
5	Birding areas	7/3/2017 2:06 PM
6	na	7/3/2017 1:47 PM
7	More facilities on the West End of Galveston.	7/3/2017 1:06 PM
8	more activities for kids, we only address the seniors	7/3/2017 11:47 AM
9	Anything in the city of santa fe,Hitchcock and lamarque.	7/1/2017 3:41 PM
10	Rugby Fields with lighting	7/1/2017 6:26 AM
11	rugby	6/30/2017 9:34 PM
12	I would like to see a rugby pitch for the #1 growing sport in America.	6/30/2017 3:53 PM
13	Rugby Fields and lighting	6/30/2017 3:35 PM
14	Natural swimming areas, although I understand this is hard given our location and resources.However if possible, a natural swimming hole or cove would be nice... Austin has plenty but again, they are fed by river-water which creates a different ecosystem and terrain given their geographical location.	6/30/2017 2:55 PM
15	Rugby fields	6/30/2017 1:45 PM
16	Rugby fits great on full size soccer fields.	6/30/2017 1:39 PM
17	Rugby fields with dedicated goal posts.	6/30/2017 12:45 PM
18	Soccer/rugby fields with lights	6/30/2017 12:25 PM
19	Rugby fields. Fasting growing sport in the US	6/30/2017 12:21 PM
20	Dedicated rugby fields	6/30/2017 12:20 PM
21	More disc golf courses, please!	6/30/2017 2:57 AM
22	More mtb trails !!!	6/29/2017 1:16 PM
23	Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/29/2017 12:34 PM
24	For us older Galveston residents, safe parks and walking areas don't exist. You now have to pay \$50 for park board season pass, just to take a walk. I often drive all the way to Carbide park to take a long walk without sand. Just a nice safe place to walk. It is the best exercise in the world ... for everyone.	6/29/2017 9:47 AM
25	they are pretty well covered but love to see more nature trails and bird watching areas..	6/29/2017 6:12 AM
26	More mountain bike trails	6/29/2017 2:56 AM
27	Softball fields !!	6/28/2017 10:16 PM
28	Maybe an outdoor amphitheater for music and or plays..	6/28/2017 10:04 PM
29	Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 9:37 PM
30	Women's self defense classes	6/28/2017 8:01 PM



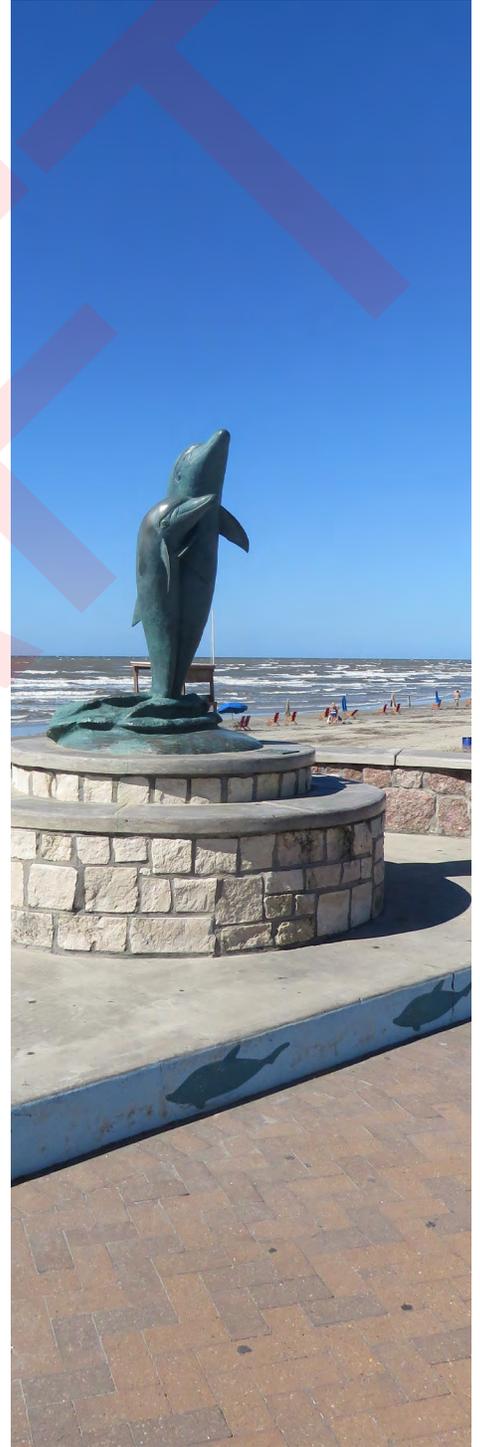
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31	Please take a moment and read. The Galveston County Parks Department will be updating their master plan which is used to gain funding as well as provide new facilities to ALL of their parks. This survey takes approximately 5 mins and will be one major way that they will move forward with big project items. One thing this can be used to help with is to allow us to gain the property across the street from Meadows to add additional holes as well as possibly gaining the old archery range which is no longer being used and adding another course to the property. Be sure to put these 2 things specifically in the comment box at the end of the survey. You do not need to be a resident of Galveston county and everyone's help is GREATLY appreciated!! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GalvestonCounty Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 7:03 PM
32	Jack Brooks Park Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 6:58 PM
33	...	6/28/2017 6:37 PM
34	Add additional holes to property across from Meadows, use old archery range for disc golf, add another disc golf course to the property	6/28/2017 6:25 PM
35	Check out North Houston Bike Park on Facebook.	6/28/2017 6:23 PM
36	Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 6:07 PM
37	Fitness gym	6/28/2017 5:44 PM
38	Na	6/28/2017 5:37 PM
39	An equestrian free-ride rental stable would be excellent, especially on a beach somewhere. Trail rides would be nice further inland, such as at Jack Brooks Park. Archery is a lot of fun and is included in both Girl and Boy Scout activities. Facilities to assist them and other interested individuals would be excellent. Anything of historical interest is outstanding! The RailRoad Museum, the Strand, the dead tree sculptures, and all the historical buildings are a tremendous feature for the Island. This sort of thing might be good in on the mainland as well. While I do not live in Galveston County, I do spend quite a lot of time there. The urban upswing is wonderful to see, though some parks are enchanting while others are simply decaying.	6/28/2017 5:09 PM
40	Extra land to extend the disc golf courses in Jack Brooks Park. Additional courses will allow for larger tournaments, which would bring in more visitors to a great town and raise funding for local business'	6/28/2017 4:52 PM
41	Na	6/28/2017 4:47 PM
42	Mountain Bike Trails	6/28/2017 4:36 PM
43	Drinking fountains at all restroom bldgs.	6/28/2017 4:25 PM
44	None really	6/28/2017 4:14 PM
45	I think there should be more running, hiking, and bike trails as well as opportunities for camping, fishing, and kayak launches in the middle to southern parts of the county to rival what they have in Seabrook/League City/Armand Bayou areas. I enjoy the mountain bike trails at Jack Brooks and would like to see their continued growth as well. The basketball courts at Jack Brooks could also use replacing also, even though I never play on them, they are quite old. Any opportunity for camping would be great as well.	6/28/2017 4:09 PM
46	I would like to see more mountain biking places to ride Jack Brooks is the only one I know of and it stays wet a lot of the time. I like J. B. but wish I alternatives when it is wet.	6/28/2017 4:01 PM
47	Rodeo	6/28/2017 3:18 PM
48	Another or additional disc golf space at Jack Brooks park "meadows". Where the old archery range was.	6/28/2017 3:05 PM
49	Water fountain at jack brooks	6/28/2017 2:20 PM
50	Galveston should focus attention to the Seawall and enhance the beauty there. Additional plants, directional signs, safe cross-walks, more shops, coffee shops, restaurants, etc. The Seawall is a vital tourist attraction. We should do everything we can to improve it--all of it. Better Seawall lighting is needed too. The more invested in the Seawall area the more return on money will be realized in revenue. Also, Galveston should be a cruise destination. Seawall improvements will help with that too, bringing additional tourist revenue. I know there is much going on on the Seawall now, but it's simply not enough. Stewart Beach area is awful! Where did the masterplan a few years back go? It had a complete redesign of the Stewart Beach area. Not investing more in the Sewall is a missed opportunity.	6/28/2017 2:13 PM
51	Discgolf	6/28/2017 1:41 PM

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52	would like to see the land across from the meadows disc golf course and the old saltgrass archery range used for more disc golf related activities. also signs stating where horses are allowed and not allowed to ride.	6/28/2017 12:53 PM
53	The use of empty space	6/28/2017 12:45 PM
54	No further requests	6/28/2017 12:34 PM
55	More disc golf areas	6/28/2017 11:35 AM
56	There is room at jack brooks park for another disc golf course. If this park had 3 good courses it could become a destination for disc golfers from all over the state.	6/28/2017 11:33 AM
57	More disc golf	6/28/2017 11:19 AM
58	Ski/wakeboard park	6/28/2017 10:58 AM
59	The park in Bacliff needs to be completed so the people of the area can use it.	6/28/2017 10:44 AM
60	Additional land across from Meadows disc golf course and the defunct archery range should be utilized for a 3rd disc golf course	6/28/2017 10:43 AM
61	Allow the disc golf clubs to utilize the property North of Gulf Meadows DGC for additional holes, and convert the unused Archery Range to usable disc golf course.	6/28/2017 9:49 AM
62	Add more disc golf holes to meddows across the street. Add another corse to the unused artery range	6/28/2017 9:39 AM
63	I think there is a lot of unused land at Jack Brooks park that would be well served to add another disc golf course and expand the current layouts. Specifically across the street from the original course and the old archery range area.	6/28/2017 9:31 AM
64	To add the property across the street of gulf meadows disc golf course to add on to the course. And also possibly getting access to build another course on the land of the unused and unmaintained Saltgrass archery range. Thanks	6/28/2017 9:21 AM
65	Use of the land across the street from Gulf Meadows disc golf course for additional DG holes and use of the overgrown and unused archery course for an additional disc golf course.	6/28/2017 9:19 AM
66	Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 9:02 AM
67	Swimming pools indoor and out door	6/27/2017 6:48 PM
68	Fitness in the parks	6/27/2017 6:43 PM
69	The outdoor arena at runge park needs to be maintained, why are they taking sand out of the outdoor pen at runge. Taking the sand out has made the arena very uneven and holds water. If the parks department could go back to a flat rate on renting out the arena instead of a by the hour charge I think they could go back to having more events at the jack brooks rodeo arena.	6/27/2017 5:47 PM
70	None	6/27/2017 5:24 PM
71	Rodeo related events and supporting facilities.	6/27/2017 5:03 PM
72	Expand the remote control model field, north side fence, and parking lot.	6/27/2017 4:40 PM
73	Na	6/26/2017 7:15 PM
74	Dog park	6/26/2017 4:52 PM
75	Softball	6/26/2017 4:42 PM



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